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History of Allen Chapel Church

The ground of the Allen Chapel Church and cemetery was donated by Moses Tryon. The first person buried there in the cemetery was John Layman in 1844.

The exact date that the church was built is not known but supposed to have been about 1851 and was of the Methodist Protestant denomination. Thought to be the first Methodist organization in this part of the country, later the Kendallville and Perseverance Churches were organized and was known as a circuit. Among those who were the leaders in the building and organizing the church were Alonzo and Harrison Whitford, early settlers of the community.

Other early members of the church we might mention were the Matthews, Woods, Craven, Graham, Adams, Andres Johnson, William and Augusta Whitford.

It is said the first seats were hewn from logs by hand, also there are large timbers underneath supporting the building. In the early days there were two doors at the front, one for women and the other for men, also women sat on one side of the church and the men on the other. Later years the building was remodeled with a vestibule and a basement added.

Some early preachers were Reverend Lancaster, Winans, Luke, Hussey, and Stackhouse.

Compiled by Mrs. Oran Shaffer.

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Johnson township, June the 17th, 1837

Agreeable to previous appointment the brethren and sisters of the regular Baptist in this vicinity met at the House of Peter Lamson to confer with each other on the importance of having a Church of Christ organized in the Waste Wilderness.

1st opened by prayer

2-- Voted that Elder Hiram Perkins serve as Modr.

3 Voted David A. Mungor be Clerk

4th examined several Articles of faith that was presented and after mature deliberation it was agreed to adopt those that were presented by Elder Perkins which are hereinafter recorded together with our Covenant.

5th the following Brethren and sisters Resolved to organize themselves into A regular Baptist Church of Christ by the name of said township.

6th Voted to call a council from sister Churches to extend the hand of fellowship to us as a sister Church in proper order.

7th Voted to invite a delegation from the following Churches the Greenfield Church the Millgrove Church the Church of Jackson Prairie to meet with us on the 19th day of July next at 10 o'clock A.M. at the School House near D.A. Mungor.

8th Voted to meet the Saturday Previous for Church Meeting

names of those
that were
present and org-
anized into a Church.

Samuel Barns
Almond White
Ann White
Nancy Dickinson
David A. Mungor
Margaret Mungor

Articles of Faith

Article 1st We believe in one only living and true God

Art. 2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments were given by inspiration of god and are a perfect fule of faith and practice .

Art. 3 We believe that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one in _____ equal in all divine attributes .

Art. 4 We believe God is infinite in all possible perfections, that he has ever acted on a perfect plan or system to promote his own glory in the greatest good of the universe; that in prosecuting his plan he has created the heavens and the earth and all beings in them that he exercises a universal providence and government over all being and events the least as well as the greatest; that he is unchangeable in all his purposes and perfections .

Art.5 We believe that God created men in his own image and placed him in the garden of Eden; that man was there capable of perfect and perpetual happiness that man being left to the freedom of his own will, without any constraint sinned and fell and agreeably to the penalty of the law under with he was placed died a moral and became subject to a temporat and eternal death and that in consequence of Adams sin all mankind are by nature children of _____ and morally dead in their sins .

- Art.6 We believe that God in eternity viewing the fall of man entered into a covenant of Grace with his son to redeem, and with the Holy Ghost to sanctify a peculiar people called in the word of God the Elect, chosen of God, holy nation, ransomed of the Lord, believers in Christ, and that Christ, the eternal Son of God had come into this world, lived a righteous life, magnified the law, and as a substitute for his people died a vicarious death, made an infinite atonement that they may be saved.
- Art.7 We believe that through the redemption of Christ the holy Ghost has come into the world, to reprove them of sin, of righteousness, and of Judgement to come, and effectually to call, sanctify, and save the people of God.
- Art.8 We believe that all national creatures are under infinite obligations to love and obey the moral law of God and that they who hear the Gospel are under infinite obligations to obey the same.
- Art.9 We believe that to bring sinners to the knowledge of Christ and his salvation, God has ordained various means as the word, special providence, prayer exhortation of saints and preached Gospel.
- Art.10 We believe that regeneration or raising sinners from Death to life, is creating in them the beginning or principle of all christian graces, and

is wholly the work of the spirit of God that love to God faith, repentance, Joy and confidence in God, peace, all christian graces and exercise, are the faith of the spirit of God, and procede from the renewed heart.

Article 11th

We believe that Justification is a work of God, pardoning sin, and accepting the chosen in christ as righteous, only on account of his righteousness imputed to them.

Article 12

We believe that the saints are kept by the power of God, and shall never perish or be finally lost.

Art. 13th

We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, at which, the righteous will be openly acquitted and received into everlasting happiness, and the wicked driven away into eternal punishment.

Art. 14th

We believe that Christ has ever had an elect people in the world; that at his coming into this world, he united his people as a church, or kingdom of professed believers in him, to continue such to the end of the world, and gave them institutions, laws and ordinances.

Art. 15th

We believe that Gospel Baptism is an institution of Christ, by which professed believers, and such only, are to be received into his visible kingdom that this ordinance consists in immersing the whole body in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that it is the duty of

all true believers to go down into the water, and be buried with Him by baptism.

Art. 16th

We believe that the Lords supper is an institution of Christ for baptised believers only, and that they in the proper participation of this ordinance manifest their fellowship one with another, and _____ forth the Lords death till he come. Disorderly members or those answerable for heresy should not be admitted.

Art. 17th

We believe that it is the duty of christians to walk in all the institutions of Christ blamelys to watch over one another in love, for good to edification; to attend to the discipline of their house agreeable to the rules given in the New Testament.

Art. 18th

Members walking disorderly or holding to doctrins contrary to the gospel, should be dealt with and forgiven or suitable donfysion, private offences should be forgiven on private confysion, but if the offender refuses to give satisfaction to the complainant, then the complainant should take with him one or two brethren as second labours, and before the second labourers all the evidence of both parties should be presented, and then the second labourers should decide what ought to make reconciliation. But if the accused refuse to hear the second labourers, then the accuser should carry it to the church and if the accused refuse to hear the church then he should be expelled from

the church. Brothers ought not to go to law with Brother.

THE COVENANT

We now in the presence of God elect Angels and men, without the least known reserve, devote ourselvs to God, choosing the farther, son and Holy Ghost to be our God and Portion for time and eternity, promising most solemnly to make his work the rule of our faith and practice.

We covenant to take heed ourselvs, to our temper, conversation, and company, not to indulge passionate revengeful anger, but to maintain a peaceful quiet deportment at home and abroad not to allow ourselvs in lascivious talking, foolish jisting evil speaking, nor tavern haunting, but to have our conversation and company as becomes the Gospel of Christ. We promist to keep a faithful watch over each other to provoke one another to love and good works, to be tender of each others persons, characters, and estates, to just in all our dealings both among ourselvs and towards all men and to do good to all men as we have an opportunity, especially to the household of faith. We covenant religeously to observe the lords day, not to allow ourselvs in unnecysary bysiny nor conversation. Constantly to devote the first day of the wook to the public and private duties or religion. not forsaking the assembling of ourselvs to gether as the maner of some is.

We promis to practice secret prayers, and while or when we are heads of familys, we covenant to maintain the worship of God morning and evening in our houses daily to attend to the scriptures for the instruction of our families, and to use our earnist endeavors to bring up those under our care in the _____ and admonition of the Lord. We covenant to attend the appointments of the church, to be at the meetings in good season statedly to unite with our brethren in observing the communion supper and all the ordinances of Christs house to maintain gospel disipline to seek the prosperity of his particular church and the good of the redeemers kingdom in general and should we ever be removed to any other places so that we cannot enjoy the ordinances of Christ in this particular church we will endeavor so soon as we have an oppertunity to be united with some other church of the same faith and order and we solemnly covenant that in whatever part of the world we may live, to devote ourselvs to God, and to seek the prosperity of Zion so far as our abilities and oppertunities may permit to them of our days, looking to God for his aysistance we severally and unitedly make this solemn covenant in witnys whereof we now say Amen.

Johnson July 18th 1837

The Church met agreeable to appointment at the House of

Mr. Woolcott for Church meeting

1st opened by prayer and praise

2d choose elder H. Perkins Moderator

3d read our articles of faith and covenant

4th called on our brethren and sisters that were present
of the same faith and order upon which the following pre-
sented letters of commendation Br. Hiram Perkins and Sisters
Margaret Perkins Maranda Barns Julia Pierce and sister
Sawyer

5th Voted to receive them into our fellowship

6th Voted to appoint Elder Perkins and D.A. Mungor
our committee to represent us to the council on the morrow

7th Voted to adjourn this Meeting till a week from next
Saturday at this place at 2 o'clock P M

D.A. Mungor Chh Clerk

Johnson Lagrange Co. July 19 1837

In accordance with the request of the Chh in this place the
following delegates were present from the Chh at Greenfield
Brethren E. Littlefield and Smith from the Chh at Jackson
Elder L.M. Mack and Deac Swift and Hemp from the Chh at
Millgrove Br Choate.

I. Hill and Daniel Bixler were invited to a seat in council

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The Council organized by choosing E. Littlefield Moderator and Br Choate, Clerk. Upon enquire it was found that Elder Hiram Perkins and elevn other brethren and sisters had organized themselvs into a Church and their object in calling this council was to be recognized as a Church in gospel order. After examining their articles of Faith and practice and covenant it was unanimously voted by the Council to recognize this Church as a regular Gospel Church.

Voted Elder Mack preach the first sermon and present the right hand of fellowship to the Chruch and to be followed by a discourse from brother Choate and an addrys to the Chh
Voted Br. Perkins make such remarks as he may thing propper and Br. Kemp make the concluding prayer Br Perkins pronounce the Benediction.

Josiah M. Choat
Clerk of Council

copyed by me)
D.A. Mungor, Chh Clk (

Saturday July 29th 1837

Met at the place appointed for church meeting after some deliberation it was thought best to circulate a subscription for the support of the gospel here and that Elder Perkins be requested to labour with us as much of the time as he may thinke duty demands. Voted to hold our Covenant Meeting once in four weeks and to have one in four weeks from to day closed by prayer

D. A. Mungor Chh Clerk

August 26th 1837

The Church met for Covenant meeting at Mr. Woolcotts and renewed covenant with our God and one with another and found a good degree of union existing closed by prayer

D.A. Mungor Chh Clerk

Sept. 23rd 1837 No meeting held

Oct. 21st No meeting held

Nov. 18th No meeting held

Dec. 16th No meeting held

Jany 13 1838

The Church meet at Brother Barnes for Church Meeting. Elder Perkins presided as Moderator after prayer was offered by Eld Perkins the subject of enjoying some one to preach with us the ensuing year was taken in the consideration. A committee to look up a preacher consisting of Br. A. Dickinson and D.A. Mungor was appointed and to report in four weeks, A committee to circulate a subscription to obtain funds for preaching consisting of Br. S. Barns and A. White was appointed. A committee to sollicit help from American Home Mission Society consisting of Br. D.A. Mungor was appointed. Lastly closed by prayer

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D.A. Mungor Chh Clerk

Feb. 10th 1838 No meeting held

March 10 No meeting held

April 7th No meeting held

May 5th No meeting held

June 1st 1838

Covenant meeting at Mr. Taylors. The Brethren and sisters disclosed their minds and found a good degree of union existing. Sister _____ Macollum was received by letter. Closed by prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clerk

June 30th Covenant meeting at Mr. Taylors.

1st opened by prayer and praise. Read the covenant after which the brethren and sisters renewed covenant with each other and with our God and found a good degree of union existing after which Deacon Abraham and Amanda Shears presented Letters of Commendation and requested admission. Voted to receive the. Closed by prayer

D.A. Mungor Chh Clerk

July 38th 1838

No meeting held

19 Jan 1839

A special Church Meeting held on the 19th day of Jany 1839 after disposing of all the businys except certain reports in circulation relative to Elder Hiram Perkins trying to seduce Mys Mary Mccollum. Voted to appoint Brother S. Barnes and A. White a committee to enquire into said reports and if found to be true to report the same to Church.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Feb. 12, 1839

The Church met at Brother A. Dickinson for the transaction of Businys.

1st choose Deac. A. Shears Moderator and opened prayer

2 called on the Committee appointed at our last Church Meeting to wit. Bro S. Barns and A. White which were appointed to enquire into the reports in circulation about Eld. H. Perkins.

3 said committee reported by presenting an affidavit made by the said Mary Mccollum the purport of which is that the said Perkins did at a time in the absance of his wife attempt to get into bed with her and the said Mary says she beat him away with a boot & C.

and further said Perkins offered money to keep the same a secret.

4th Voted that Br D. A. Mungor notify Eld Perkins to meet the Chh in one week from next Saturday at 1 o'ck P M at Br. A. Dickinson

6th Closed by Prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday February 23d 1839

The Church met at Br Anthony Dickinsons for Chh Meeting.

1st opened by prayer and choose Br S. Barns Moderator.

2d The allegation brought against Elder Perkins was then presented, Elder Perkins being present--make his defense by deniying the allegation.--

3d after mature deliberation Voted that Br. A. Dickinson & A. White be a committee to further inquire into said reports and collect all the testimony they can pertaining to said reports and report in two weeks and that we have a Chh Meeting in two weeks from this date at this place to further investigate said reports.

4th Closed by prayer

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday March the 9 1839

The Church met at Brother Anthony Dickinsons to transact bysinys which was put over at our last meeting but Elder Perkins not being present on the account of ill health therefore voted to adjourn till the 19th inst at the school house near Mr. Pierce.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Tuesday March 19th 1839

The Church met at the School House near S. Pierces to further investigate the matter relating to Elder Perkins.

1st Voted Deac Shears Moderator and opened by prayer .

2d Tood up the businys as above by examining Mrs. Macollum at which time she related which she affirmed to be true, that on or about November last her daughter Mary was to work for Elder Perkins and in the absance of his wife had conversation with the said Mary which caused her to leave and return home early in the morning and that before she reached home the said Perkins came to her house and requested to have an interview with her at which time the said Perkins said he was in trouble and had conducted a wrong to her daughter who wished to know in what way and he said in conversation,

and requested me to keep it a secret to which I consented and proposed to say to people had the fever and ague to which he agreed and said she had been unwell, Adjourned till ___ day of this month at one o'clock at Brother Dickinsons.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Covenant Meeting March 23, 1839

at the School House near S. Pierce

1st opened by prayer and praise

2d Covenant read and Brethren and Sisters present related their views and feelings and renewed covenant with each other and with our God and found a good degree of union existing.

3d Closed by prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Johnson Township March 28, 1839.

The Church Met at Brother Anthony Dickinson for the further investigating Elder Perkins Difficulty Deac Shears being present served as Moderator opened by prayer.

1st commenced the businys by reading nine affidavits presented by Elder Perkins the sum of all, of which go to certify that Mary McCollum and Memima ar not persons of Truth and veracity and most of them say they are not to be believed under Oath.

2d the question being put wether the Church are yet satisfied a Majority voted that they were not satisfied with Elder Perkins defence.

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3d Voted to drop the further investigating the said difficulty of Elder Perkins Voted to disorganize this Church.

4th Voted that the Clerk return to each member of this Church their original letters of commendation when called for.

David A. Mungor, Chh Clk

Johnson Township July 4th 1840

At a Church Meeting held at Mr. Taylors Barn the following Brethren and Sisters agreed to unite there efforts and walk together again in Chh capacity to wit Almond White Samuel Barnes Abrm Shears Thomas Higgins & D.A. Mungor and Sisters Ann White Maranda Barns Julia Pierce, Saphronia Mcollister Melinda Meeker Armanda Shears and Harriet Barns. Ira Nichols gave a relation of his religious experience and requested to be Baptised and unite with the Curch. Voted to receive him on Baptism. Voted Br D.A. Mungor serve as Clerk. Voted to hold Covenant Meetings the first Saturday in each month. Voted to send Br. A. Shears and D.A. Mungor as delegates to a convention to be held at Steuben County the 3d Saturday in July inst.

Closed by prayer,

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

July 5th 1840

Repaired to the water where prayer was wont to be made and in the Likenys of Christ Death Brother Ira Nichols was Baptised and Joind the Chh.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday August 1st 1840

1st the Church Met to renew Covenant with each other and with our God and there appeared to be a strong desire to live nearer to God and after the Brethren has got through relating the dealings of God with them Mrs Charry Ann Mungor gave a ritation of her religeous experience and requested Baptism.

2d Voted to receive Her on Baptism the wich to be performed on the morrow.

3d Closed by prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

August 2, 1840

Saturday January 22d 1841

The Church Met for Church Meeting at the School House near Samuel Pierce

1st Elder Spear presented the subject of uniting our efforts with the Missionary board of the Association for the purpose of obtaining preaching a part of the time.

2d Voted to circulat subscription for said purpose and that Ira Nichols and D.A. Mungor be a committee for said purpose and Almond White be Agent to receve the said subscription.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

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January 29th 1841

Elder Spear preached at the school House near S. Pierce at which time sister Eunice Higgins was received into the Church on a reccommend also Sister Permelia Pierce was received into the Church on a reccommend. Mys Sally Higgins gave a relation of her religeous Expierence and requested Baptism.

Voted to receive on Baptism which is to be administered next Thursday. Mys Nancy Matteson gave a relation of her religeous Expierence and requested Baptism. Voted to receive Her on Baptism. Mr. James A. McQueen gave a relation of his religeous Expeirence. Voted to receive him on Baptism.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

Feb. 4th 1841

Preaching at the school house near S. Pierce at wich time Mrs. Statira McQueen gave a relation of her religeous Expierence and requested Baptism. Voted to receive her on Baptism after Sermon we reparated to the water side when prayer was want to be made and Elder Spear Baptised Sister McQueen and those received on the 29th ult.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

Feb. 7th 1841

Lucretia (Shears) _____ and Sister Lucy Shears and Sister Ann Shears presented Letters from the Baptist Church in Oakfield.

Voted to receive the.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

March 27th 1841

The Church Met at the School House near Samuel Pierce for Covenant Meeting the Brethren & Sisters related the dealings of God with them and expyred a good degree of union for each other.

2d Took the subject of calling Brother A. Shears to improve his gift in preaching the Gospel after mature deliberation it was unanimously voted to give Him a licence to preach the Gospel.

3d Voted to appoint a delegation to attend the organization of a Church in Jefferson Township on Saturday week to consist of as many of the Brethren as can go.

4th Closed by prayer.

David A. Mungor Chh Clk

May the 8th 1841

The Church Met at Br McQueen's for covenant Meeting to renew our covenant with God and each other and a good degree of union existed.

2d Brother Elias Emerson presented a Letter of Commendation from the Baptist Chh in Brooklyn Mich for himself and wife. Voted to receive them.

3d Appointed Brother A. Shears T. Higgins S. Barns and D. A. Mungor delegates to the aysociation which is sit the

2d Saturday in June next and request that the anniversary be held with us.

4th Closed by prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

July 18th 1841

Covenant Meeting at Br McQueens

1st the Brethren and Sisters disclosed their Minds to each other and found a good degree of union existing.

2d Sister Arvilla Brarker presented a Letter of cimmendation and requested to be admitted into the Church. Voted to receive her.

3d Closed by prayer.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

August 22 1841

Covenant Meeting at E. Pierces Barn

1st The Brethren and sisters disclosed their Minds to each other and found a good degree of union existing.

2d Resolved to build a log house to hold meetings in at the corner near John Dunbar.

3d Appointed Brethren Barns and Higgings a committee to superintend the Building.

4th Appointed Brethren A. Shears and D.A. Mungor a committee to _____ the Church for said Building

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Sunday August 23d 1841

Elder Spear preached at E. Pierce after which we repaired to the water side where prayer was want to be made and Elder Spear Baptised Brother George Dallis and Br. _____ McSallin after which they received the Right hand of fellowship and became members of the Church.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

March 26 1842

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House in Orange

Sister Outcalt related Her religious experience and requested Baptism Voted to Baptize her on the morrow and receive her into the Church also Br. Ambler Olds related his religious experience and requested Baptism - Voted to Baptize him on the morrow and receive him into the Church.

March 27

The above named candidates was Baptised and added to the Chh

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

April 16 "

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House after the Brethren and sisters had renewed covenant with each other and with our God there was a committee appointed to Settle if possible the Difficulty between Br Ira Nichols and his wife. Committee to consist of Br. A. White Elder Burrows and D.A. Mungor and report to the Church

And where as there is reports in circulation about Br. Shears Voted to suspend him from the fellowship until the same are investigated.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

May 14th 1842

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House after the brethren and sisters had renewed covenant with each other and with our God Br Muckie gave a relation of his religious experience and requested Baptism. Voted to receive on Baptism the which to be administrered in two weeks from tomorrow. Br. James Crofoot came forward and gave a relation of his religious experience and requested Baptism.

Voted to receive him on Baptism the which to be administered in two weeks from tomorrow.

Brother Truman Burroughs and Sister Lydia Burroughs presented Letters of commendation and requested to unite with the Church.

Voted to receive them.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

May 30th 1842

Agreeable to previous appointmant Br. Muckie and Br James Crofoot were buried with Christ in Baptism and added to the Church

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Oct. 1842

Brother N. Hawley presented a Letter of commendation from a sister Church Voted to receive Him.

Dec. 1842

Sister Betsey Ann Watkins presented a Letter of Commendation from a Sister Church Voted to receive Her

January 21st 1843

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House the Brethren and Sisters renewed covenant with our God and one with another and a good degree of union existing.

2d Brother Peter Oalds requested to unite with the Church by Letter which Letter he had Lost but Brother Barnes being present stated that he was knowing to Br Oalds having said Letter Voted to receive Him.

3d Sister Abigal Olin present a Letter from a Sister Church Voted to receve Her.

4th Brother Tomo Bowser John Jimerson Abba Emerson King
 Barnes and John Higgings and Sisters Betsey Lyon Elizabeth
 Lyon Nancy Emerson Susan Burroughs Arvilla Burroughs Polly
 Pierce Mahale Higgins Mrs. Bowser

all of which gave a Relation of their Religious Expierence
 and requested Baptism Voted to receive them as candidates for
 Baptism several of whom wish to go forward on the morrow .

5th Closed by Prayer .

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

January 22d 1843

Elder Burroughs preached at the Meeting House at the close we
 repaired to water where prayer was want to be amde and Elder
 Burroughs planted in the Likenys of Christ death the follow-
 ing willing converts to wit Tomo Bowser John Jimerson
 Alby Emerson King Barnes Sister Nancy Emerson Sister

Bowser Betsey Lyon Elizabeth Lyon Polly Pierce

Arvilla Burroughs and Susan Burroughs.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Sunday February 5th 1843.

Elder Burroughs preached at the Meeting House Brother Levi
 Wildman gave a relation of his religeous experience the day
 previous and requested Baptism and Br John and Sister Mahalee
 Higgins having been received as candidates for Baptism two
 weeks previous we repaired to the waterside and Elder Burroughs
 Baptised them.

Sunday Feb 19th

Elder Burroughs preached at the Meeting House and after service we repaired to the water Side, Sister Diana Cline having been previous received as a candidate for Baptism Elder immersed her in the Likenys of Christ death and RESERRECTION.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

May 10th 1843

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House. Brother _____ Allen gave a relation of his religeous experience and requested Baptism Voted to receive him on Baptism the which to be administered on the morrow. Sister Sally Allen gave a relation of her religeous experience having been previously Baptised. Voted to receive her. --Sister Mary Mac Lalen gave a relation of her religeous expierence and having been previously Baptised Voted to receive Her. Voted to appoint Br A. White J.R. Higgins I Higgins and A. Emerson delegates to the association. Brother Olds requested a Letter of commendation. Voted to give him one. Appointed Elder Burroughs to write the Letter to the Association.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

November 25th 1843

At our Regular covenant Meeting Br. Luke Parker presented a Letter of commendation. Voted to receive him.

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

January 14th 1844

Elder Burrows preached at the Meeting House after which we repaired to the water Side where prayer was want to be made and Elder Burrows Baptised Sister Emily Dickinson - She having previously given a relation of her religeous experience.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Jan 20

At our Regular Covenant Meeting Br Robert Campbell and Sister Amanda his wife presented Letters of Commendation and Dissmission from a Sister Church.

Voted to receive them. D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

March 16th

At our regular Church the dificulty of Brother Shears was again taken up and after Mature deliberation it was voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from him.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

May 11th 1844

At our Regular Church Meeting voted to point delegates to attend the Meeting of the Association at Brushy Prarie appointed Elder Burroughs Brethren A. White D.A. Mungor and S. Barnes, some inquiry was made in refference to Ann Shears as Some bad reports were in circulation which implicated her moral character after some deliberation it was voted to postpone untill our next Meeting for businys.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

July 6th 1844

At our Regular Church Meeting for Businys the Subject in relation to Ann Shears was taken up and as she had been charged of being guilty of Fornication and had prosicuted to clear Herself of the Slander and the case having been heard in the circuit court of this County and no cause of action being found it was thout sufficient to establish her guilt therefore Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from her

D. A. Mungor Chh Clk

December 28th 1844

1st At our regular Church Meeting at the Meeting House took up the subject of Sister Melinda Meeker reports are that Mr. Meeker has been in the habit of stealing small things for some time past and that sister Meeker has assisted in secreting stollen property--therefor Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from her.

David A. Mungor (Chh
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Saturday Jan 19th 1845

Covenant Meeting at the Meeting House the Brethren and Sister renewed covenant with each other and with our God and found a good degree of union existing.

2d Received a letter from the Jefferson Church requesting us to send our Elder and a delegation to examin and ordain Br Blanchard to the work of the gospel Ministry.

Voted to appoint Br S. Barnes J.A. McQueen T. Higgins D.A. Mungor.

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday April 12th 1845

At our Regular Church Meeting held at the Meeting House the committee previously appointed to engage Elder Blanchard to preach with us the ensuing year, reported that he would come and commence the 2 or 3 Lords day in June next.

2d Called on the comittee appointed to visit Sisters Law after deliberating upon the subject Voted to Appoint Br Higgins & D.A. Mungor a committee to visit Sister Lucy Law and report at our next Meeting.

3d Voted to withdraw the hand of Fellowship from Sister Lucretia Law for the following reason for neglecting to meet with the Church year after year and all labor with her has been treated with neglect.

4th Voted to circulate a subscription for Elder Blanchard.

5th Closed by Prayer

David A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday May 11th 1845

At our regular Covenant Meeting held at the Meeting House

1st opened services by Prayer

2d Appointed Elder Burroughs T. McClelan T. Higgins and D.A. Mungor delegates to sit with the Association

3d Appointed D.A. Mungor to write the Letter.

4th Appointed A. White & S. Barnes a committee to see that those from a distance are provided for.

5 Closed by Prayer

D.A. Mungor Chh Clk

Saturday November 29th 1845

At our regular Church meeting the brethren spent a little season in social conference together after which the following business was done.

1 The Committe that was previously appointed to visit Sister Lucy Law was discharged.

2 Brother Munger made a request to be released from Acting as clerk of the church the brethren voted to release him.

3 It was moved and seconded by the brethren that Almon White serve them as their clerk after which the meeting was closed by prayer.

Almon White Church Clerk

Satirday December 27th 1845

Brethren and Sisters meet to renew Covenant previous to Communion of the brethren & Sisters present seemed to feel their unworthiness and their want of a deeper work of grace upon their hearts. Brother John Boughman and Sister Eliza his wife presented letters of Commendation wishing to unite with us voted to receive them Lords day 28 attended Communion.

A. White Ch Clerk

Satirday January 24th 1846

Met at the meeting house held our regular Church meeting Brother and Sister Camel requested letters of Dismission the Church granted their request and voted that the Clerk correct the Church records.

Almon White Ch Clerk

Satirday Feb. 21, 1846

Brethren and sisters met at the meeting house to renew covenant previous to communion had a pleasant season together .

Brother Theodore Preston related his christian experience to the Church it being satisfacotry to the Brethren he was received in to the church having been previously Baptised.

Sabbath 22

Elder Blanchard preached and after Sermon the Brethren and sisters commemorated the death and sufferings of our ascended Lord.

Almon White Church Clerk

Satirday March 21 1846

Brethren and Sisters met in Church meeting and but few present.

Almon White Church Clerk

Satirday April 18th 1846

Brethren and Sisters met at the Meeting house for covenant meeting had a good time together Sabbath following attended communion.

A. White Ch Clk

Satirday May the 16: 1846

Brethren met at the meeting house it being regular day for business the following business was transacted

- 1 Voted to receive the Church letter written by Elder Blanchard.
- 2 Appointed the following Brethren as delegates to the association Elders T. Burroughs and C.H. Blanchard, and Brethren T. Higgins S. Barnes J.A. McQueen.
- 3 Voted to assess each male member 8 cents to defray the expense of printing muinits and articles of faith.
- 4 agreed to engage Elder C.H. Blanchard to Labor with us

one half of the time for the next ten months commencing the
secon sabbath in June for which we agreed to circulate a
subscription through the church and society.

5 Voted letters of dismission to Elder Burroughs and Sister
Lidia Burrough and Arvilla & Susan Burroughs.

6 Voted Br McClelland a traveling Letter.

A. White Ch Clk

Satirday June 13 - 1846

Brethren and sisters met in covenant meeting and renewed
covenant with each other and with God but few of the Brethren
and sisters together Sabbath no Communion for want of wine.

A. White Ch Clk

Satirday July 11 : 1846

Regular Church meeting day but few present. Brethren detained
a harvestin.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday August 8: 1846

Brethren and sisters met to renew Covenant and had a pleasant
time together. Sabbath & communion

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Sept. 5th 1846

Brethren met for Church meeting but few present on account
of sickness.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Oct 11th 1846

Brethren and sisters met at the meeting house for Church meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other the following business was done. Voted to apoint a committee to visit Brother Munger on account of report that were in circulation against his moral character and for his not walking with the church. The following brethren were apointed Elder C. H. Blanchard Thomas McClelland John Higgins.

A. White Ch clk

Satirday Nov 28 1846

Brethren and sisters met for to renew covenant had a pleasant time while together but few present.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Dec 26 : 1846

Brethren met for church meeting for business the committe that was to visit Brother Munger reported and was discharged he having given satisfaction he being present also gave them satisfaction. Brother McClelland brought a charge against Brother Allen for refusing to settle with him after having done a job of chopping and clearing or even to measure the ground and for abusing him when he went to talk with him the church voted to receive the complaint and appointed the 2 day of January 1847 to hear his cause voted that Br Allen be notefied in writing to appear.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday January 2th 1847

Brethren met for a special church meeting for the porpos of setling the difficulty between Br. Allen and Br McCleland proceded to business by apointing Br Barns moderater Br McCleland stated his grievances and that he had taken the first and second steps of labor with him and got no satisfaction and the second laborers wer present and stated that Br Allen gave them no satisfaction neither die Br Allen meet the church after being notified to attend therefore the brethren unanumosly voted to withdraw the hand of christian feollowship from him.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday January 23th 1847

Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant with each other and with God and had a pleasant time together and made choise of Br T. Higging for deacon and expect to attend communion to-morrow.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Feb 20 : 1847

The day for regular church meeting and was none on the account of Sister Allens funearl she departed this life the 18

Almon White Ch Clk

Brother Theodore Preston departeded this life Feb 24 " 1847

Saturday March 20 : 1847

Brethren and sisters met to renew covenant had a pleasant time in telling the dealings of God with them also their hopes and fears and determinations. Sister Harriet Barnes requested a letter of commendation and dismissal the church voted to grant her request.

21 Communion today

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday April 17 : 1847

Brethren met in Church meeting for business the following business was done voted that br A. White write the church letter and brethren A. White Thomas Higgins D.A. Munger James A. McQueen be the delegates to the Association and that they be a committee to procure preaching for the ensuing year.

Voted letter of commendation and dismissal to Br and sister McClelland.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday June 12 : 1847

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and there being no business the brethren and sisters disclosed their minds to each other and had a pleasant and a proffitable time together the committs have agreed with Brother Blanchard and Welker to preach one quater of the time each for the ensuing year Br Welker commenced May 30 1847 and Br. Blanchard June 13 1847

Almon White Church Clerk

Satirday July 10 : 1847

Brethren and sisters met for to renew covenant and had we trust a proffitable time together Sabbath day commemorated the death and sufferings of our ascended Lord.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Sept 4 : 1847

Brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and but few present had rather a discouraging time

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Oct 2 : 1847

No meeting

Satirday Oct 30 : 1847

Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant had a proffitable time together

A White Chh Clk

Satirday Nov 27 : 1847

Brethren and Sisters met in church meeting

A. White Ch Clk

Satirday Dec 25

Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a pleasant and we trust a proffitable season together Brother Ira Nichols was present and wished to be received in to the fellowship of the church again and asked forgivenys of all and was received in to fellowship by a unanmous vote.

Satirday January 22 : 1848

Brethren and Sisters met in church Meeting had a pleasant time together and more than usual together Sister Nancy Olds gave a relation of her christian experience and requested to be Baptised and be come a member of this church her experience being satisfactory to the Brethren & Sisters unanumously voted to receive her

Sunday 23 attended to the ordinance of Baptism Sister Nancy Olds was Baptised.

Almon White Ch Clk

Sister Munger Died Feb. 29 : 1848

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Satirday February 19th 1848

Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant a good attendance and had we trust our spiritual strength renewed Brother and Sister Hamlin presented Letters of commendation and wished to unite with us

Voted to receive the.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday March 18 : 1848

Brethren and Sisters met for our regular church meeting The following businys was done Voted that Br Higgins and White be a committee to visit Br James Crofot and Br Luke Parker and any others they may think propper and report in eight weeks also voted to circulate a subscription for Elder Blanchard.

Satirday April the 15 : 1848

Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and there was a good attendance and we had we trust a proffitable season together.

Almon White Chh Clk

Satirday May 20th 1848

Brethren met in our regular church meeting when the following business was done the committee that was appointed to visit br James Crofot reported voted to accept their report and discharge them the clerk read a letter from the Jackson church calling for a delegation to sit in council in examining Br Byron in regard to setting him apart to the Gospel ministry. Voted that our delegates to the association be the same to sit in the council and the following brethren wer appointed Elder C.H. Blanchard T.R. Higgins Elial T. Emerson A. White A. Hamlin Ira Nichols.

Voted to raise our proportion of funds for printing minutes.

Almon White Church Clk

Voted that A. White write the church letter

Satirday July 15 : 1848

The Brethren and Sisters met together to renew covenant and Marium M. Barnes gave a relation of her christian experience and requested to be Baptised and unite with us Voted to receive her and tend to the ordinance tomorrow of Baptism.

Saturday August the 12 : 1848

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant previous to communion and had a pleasant season together

Sabbath 13 Commemorated the death and sufferings of our Saviour today

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday September 9 : 1848

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting for the transaction of busineys and the following busineys was done the clerk read a letter from the cedar creek church calling for delegates to sit in council to examine br Welker in regard to setting him apart to the work of the Gospel ministry the following brethren were appointed C.H. Blanchard T.R. Higgins, A. Hamlin S. Barnes

Voted to disanul the articles of faith and covenant that are contained in this book and voted to adopt the articles and covenant that was adopted by the northeast Indiana Baptist Association known as the Newhampshire articles.

About the first of July we received a letter from the Millgrove church calling for delegates to sit in council the 12 of July to examine br Eavens in regard to Setting him apart to the Ministry and ther would be no regular church meeting soon enough the following brethren were appointed on the Sabbath after meeting C.H. Blanchard, T.R. Higgins A. Hamlin, S. Barns.

Almon White Ch Clk

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Satirday October the 7 : 1848

The Brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and but few pressent and ha a good time together Brother Anthon Dickinson was pressent and presented a letter and requested to unite with us and the brethren voted to receive him

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Nov the 4: 1848

The Brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and there being no busineys the brethren disclosed their minds to each other .

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday December the 2 : 1848

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant with God and each other and had a precious Season together and concluded not to have communion tomorrow on the account of the extreme bad going.

Almon White Ch Clk

Satirday Dec 30 : 1848

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting had a pleasant time together and the following resolution was passed resolved that we take the required Steps to build us a meeting house as soon as circumstances will permit that will be more comfortable and which will better convene those that attend .

Almon White Ch Clk

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Satirday January the 27 : 1849

The Brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant previous to communion and had a pleasant time. Sabbath 28 Elder Blanchard preached and before communion Sister Elvea Jane Barnes presented to the church a letter of commendation and requested to unite with us the Brethren & Sisters unanimously voted to receive her.

A. White Ch Clk

Satirday March the 17 : 1849

The brethren & Sisters met for covenant meeting and had a pleasant time while together also voted unanimously to make an effort to secure the labors of Elder Blanchard one half the time the ensueing year.

Satirday April the 14: 1849

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting and the following busineys was done voted to with draw the hand of christian fellowship from br James Crofoot on the account of his neglect to the Church and disorderly walk the church having visisted him by a committe and obtained no satisfaction. Sister Hannah Dickinson was pressent and gave a relation of her christian experience and requested Baptism and to unite Voted to receive her after Baptism.

Almon White Ch Clk

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Saturday May the 12: 1849

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting and disclosed their minds to each other after which the following business was done.

- 1 Voted that A. White write the church letter
- 2 Voted that br Hamlin Higgins Dickinson and White be our delegates to the Association
- 3 Voted to raise our proportion of funds to print the minutes.
- 4 Voted that br Hamlin and Barnes and Munger be a committee to find a place to hold the Association

Sabbath May the 13 Sister Hannah Dickinson was baptised.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday June the 9 1849

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and disclosed their minds to each other and had a pleasant time.

Sister Clarinda Smith was present and presented a letter of commendation and wished to unite the brethren and Sisters voted to receive her voted to adopt the letter that was read as our letter to the Association

A. White Ch Clk

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2. Voted that the following business be done: While be our

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A. White Ch. Clerk

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Sister Elizabeth Smith was present and presented a letter

of commendation and wished to unite the brethren and sisters

and to receive her voted to adopt the letter that was read

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A. White Ch. Clerk

Saturday July the 7: 1849

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a verry pleasant and we trust a proffitable time together.

Sister Nancy Juda was present and gave a relation of her christian experience and requested to be Baptised and unite with us Voted to receive her and attend to baptism tomorrow.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday August the 4: 1849

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a verry pleasant time while together Br William H. Hall was present and presented a letter of commendation from the Free will Baptist Church at the Haw Patch and wished to unite with us Also Sister Amanda Munger was present and presented a letter from the Springfield free will Baptist Church and wished to unite with us the brethren and sisters present voted to receive them Br Hall requested the privilege of the Church of preaching the Gospel and brethren voted to grant him the privilege voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from br John Jameson Luke Parker and Diana Olin for absenting themselves from us without taking letters.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday September the 1: 1849

The Brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and verry few present the brethren present seemed rather discouraged.

A. White Ch Clk

The first meeting of the church was to renew covenant and had a very

interesting history. It was a covenant and gave a relation of the
church in general, and a relation of the church in particular, and a
relation of the church in the future. The church was organized on the 1st of
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themselves from us without taking letters.

Almon White Ch. Clerk

Sunday September the 1: 1849

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and very

Saturday Sep the 29: 1849

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and but few present and rather discouraging time

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Oct 27: 1849

The brethren and sisters met in covenant meeting but few present and had quite a pleasant time

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Nov the 24: 1849

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had quite a pleasant time but few present

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Dec the 22: 1849

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and but few present

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday January the 19: 1850

The regular covenant meeting day preparatory to communion and no meeting on account of the constution of the church at Albion

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Feb the 16: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for Church meeting but few present had quite a sollem time

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday March the 16: 1850

No meeting today on the account of the quarterly meeting.

1. White 03 01

Friday 10: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for church meeting but few
present and had quite a short time

2. White 03 01

Saturday 10: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for church meeting and had
quite a number present but few present

3. White 03 01

Sunday 10: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for church meeting and had few

4. White 03 01

present

Monday 10: 1850

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Saturday Feb the 16: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for church meeting but few pres-
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Sunday 10: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for church meeting but few pres-

Saturday April the 13: 1850

The regular church meeting day but verry few of the br and Sisters together and quite a discourageing time.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday May the 11: 1850

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant previous to communion and had quite a pleasant time and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done

Voted that A. White write the church letter and that the

following brethren be delegates to the Association Edler C.H.

Blanchard, Wm. H. Hall, T.R. Higgings A.Hamiln S. Barnes

D.A. Munger

Sunday the 12 communion today

A. White Church Clk

Saturday June the 8: 1850

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting had a pleasant time. Voted to adopt a letter written by A. White to their Association. Betsy Jennings and Charlotte Hiser wer present and requested Baptism and to unite with us after

hearing their christian experience the brethren and Sisters

Voted unanimously to receive them and to attend to Baptism

tomorrow. Sabbath They attended to the ordinance of Baptism.

A. White Ch Clk

January 1st 1850

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A. White

Saturday July the 6: 1850

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had quite a pleasant time together Sister Betsy Roberts was present and gave a relation of her christian experience and requested Baptism and to unite with us Voted to receive her and Baptise her tomorrow.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday August the 3: 1850

The brethren met in church meeting but few present Sister Hiser called for a letter of commendation and dismission Voted to grant her request. Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday August the 31: 1850

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant but few present had quite a good time. Sabbath the 1 day of Sept had communion

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Sept 28: 1850

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and had a pleasant time together.

Saturday Oct 26: 1850

The brethren and sisters met for covenant meeting but few present Sabbath no communion.

Saturday Nov 23: 1850

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting and had quite a solem time in concidering the low state of the church and the backwardneys of some of the brethren and sisters to attend the appointments of the church.

A. White

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Saturday Dec 21: 1850

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant had a pleasant time and quite a good number present Sister Sally McCland was present and requested a letter of commendation and dismiysion. Voted to grant her request.

Almon White Clk

Saturday Jan the 18: 1851

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant had a pleasant time but few present on the account of its being so extremly cold.

Almon White Clerk

Saturday Feb the 15: 1851

The brethren and sisters met for covenant meeting but few present on the acount of the inclemency of the weather and no communion on the Sabbath. Almon White Clerk

Saturday March the 15 1851

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting had a good time and it was a unanumous for to have Elder Blanchard continue his labors with us another year and Voted that brethren Higgins & Hamlin confer with the Elder and report at the next meeting Voted to have a monthly concert and appointed A. White treasurer for missionary purposes.

A. White Clk

Sister Jancy Juda died March the 27: 1851

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Saturday April the 12: 1851

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting had a pleasant time together

- 1 Voted to circulate a subscription for Elder Blanchard
- 2 Voted to receive Sister _____ Green on a letter from the Milford Church.

The committee reported that Elder Blanchard would labor with us if his health will permit one half of the time the ensuing year.

A. White Ch Clk

Sister Betsey Roberts died May 12: 1851

Saturday May the 10: 1851

The brethren and sisters met in covenant meeting and but few present Voted that Elder Blanchard write the church letter to the Association agreed to raise our proportion of funds for printing minutes.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday June the 7: 1851

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and after disclosing their minds to each other the following business was done.

- 1 Voted to adopt the church letter written by Elder Blanchard.
- 2 Appointed delegates to the Association
- 3 Voted to receive Laura Culver on her Christian experience as a member of this church

A. White Ch Clk

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Saturday July the 5: 1851

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting and had a pleasant time not a great many present.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday August the 2: 1851

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant previous to communion but few present on the account of harvesting and haying Communion on the Sabbath.

A. White Clk

Saturday August the 30: 1851

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and had a good time in disclosing their minds to each other.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Sept. the 27: 1851

The brethren and sister met to renew covenant previous to communion Sabbath the 28 commemorated the Lords Supper

A. White Clk

October the 25: 1851

The brethren met in regular church meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done.

1 Voted to answer the call from the Lima Church by appointing Ch. Blanchard T.R. Higgins S. Barnes and J.A. McQueen as delegates to sit in council with them.

Saturday Nov the 22: 1851

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting but few present had quite a Solem time and pleasant met in our new house of worship for the first time in a church capacity.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Dec. 20: 1851

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant a good number present and had a good time brother Mirach Higgins was present and Lucind Huntsman and gave a relation of their christian experience and requested to be baptised and unite with us after hearing their experience it was a unanimous vot to receive them and attend to the ordinance tomorrow.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Jan the 3: 1852

At a special meeting sister Catharine Smith was present and gave a relation of her christian experience and requested baptism and to unite with us. Voted to receive her and attend to the ordinance tomorrow. Sabath the 4 attended the baptism of Sister Smith.

Sister Miranda Barnes died Jan 7: 1852

Saturday Jan 17: 1852

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had a pleasant time in disclosing their minds to each other Sabbath the 18 no communion on the account of Mrs. Barnes funeral

may have a new building, but the first time in a church capacity.

Alvin White, D.D.

present and a good many others. Alvin White was present

and I think that he gave a relation of their Christian

work and also spoke of the Baptist and unite with us

that meeting their relation it was a unanimous vote to

receive them and attend to the ordinance tomorrow.

January 10th 1867

at a special meeting Sister Catherine Smith was present and

gave a relation of her Christian experience and requested

admission and to unite with us. Voted to receive her and

attend to the ordinance tomorrow. Sister the 4 attended the

meeting of Sister Smith.

Sister Amanda Barnes died Jan 7, 1867

The brethren and sisters met to bury a woman and

the next time I think I will be back again

and the 1st of March we will have a meeting at 10 o'clock

Saturday Feb 14: 1852

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant capacity had quite a Sollem time in disclosing their minds to each other expect communion tomorrow Elder Eavens was present soliciting funds for the general Association.

Saturday March 13: 1852

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and after the brethren had disclosed their minds to each other the following busineys was done

Voted to employ Elder Blanchard to preach onehalf of the time the ensueing year and voted to circulate a subscription for him his year to commence the first Sabbath in April.

Saturday April the 10: 1852

The brethren & Sisters met to renew covenant and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done.

1 Voted Sister Clarinda Smith a letter of commendation & dismission. (Sister Smith never had her letter because she did not move away)

2 Voted to answer the request of the Church at LaGrange and appointed C.H Blanchard William Hall Almon White delegates to attend.

1. The first report of the committee was read in common meeting and after the
report was read the committee presented their report to each other the following

minutes were read

2. The committee presented their report to the church on behalf of the
church and voted to circulate a subscription
for the year to commence the first Sabbath in April.

3. The committee presented their report to the church and voted to renew covenant and after dis-
cussing their report to each other the following minutes were

4. Voted that the church unite a letter of introduction to
the church. (The letter never had for better reason)

(The letter never had)

5. Voted to accept the report of the committee and to accept the

Saturday May the 8: 1852

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done Voted that A. White write the church letter to the Association and that we send our request for the next aniversary to be held here.

Saturday June the 5: 1852

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and after disclosing their minds the each other the following busineys was done heard the church letter read and voted to adopt it and appointed the following delegates to the Association

T.R. Higgins Samuel Barnes James A. McQueen

Saturday July 31: 1852

The brethren and sisters met in covenant capacity preparatory to communion and had quite an interesting time together.

Sabbath commemorated the dying love of the Saviour.

Saturday August the 28: 1852

The brethren & Sisters met in church meeting and had quite a pleasant time in discloseing their minds to each other.

Saturday Sept the 25: 1852

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and but few present on the account of the rain.

Saturday Oct the 23 1852

The brethren & sisters met in church meeting but few present and had quite a pleasant time together.

A resolution was passed that we should request for the next

meeting to be held here.

Meeting June 25, 1953

The first meeting was held to renew covenant and after discussion of the various reports the following business was done: (1) the church letter read and voted to adopt it and

to send the following telegram to the association

Rev. Mr. J. H. Jones, General Secretary, James A. McQueen

Meeting July 25, 1953

The brethren and sisters met in covenant assembly and after prayer and singing of hymns and reading of scriptures and the offering of prayer for the church and the world.

Meeting August 25, 1953

The brethren & sisters met in covenant assembly and after prayer and singing of hymns and reading of scriptures and the offering of prayer for the church and the world.

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and after prayer and singing of hymns and reading of scriptures and the offering of prayer for the church and the world.

Meeting Oct 25, 1953

The brethren & sisters met in covenant assembly and after prayer and singing of hymns and reading of scriptures and the offering of prayer for the church and the world.

Saturday November 20/52

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting but few present.

Sabbath Jan. the 2: 1853

After preaching Sister Watkins called for a letter of commendation and dismission the brethren and sisters present voted to grant her request.

Saturday Jan 15: 1853

Regular church meeting day and but few present had quite a good time.

Saturday Feb the 12: 1853

Regular church meeting day and quite a good meeting some present who had been absent for a long time br and Sister Eno presented letters of commendation and wished to unite.

Voted to receive them.

Friday March 4th 1853

Sister Polly Jennings departed this life.

Saturday March 12th 1853

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had a pleasant time and after disclosing their minds to each other sister Ann Dallis presented herself to the church and requested Baptism and to unite and after hearing her christian experience voted to receive her and attend to baptism in two weeks sommunion tomorrow.

Sabbath March 27/53 Baptised Sister Dallas

Brother John Higgins died April 3: 1853

Saturday April the 9: 1853

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had quite a solem time.

Saturday May the 7: 1853

The brethren met to renew covenant previous to communion and but few present on the account of the rain.

Saturday June 4th 1853

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and after disclosing their minds the following busineys was done. Br. James Mack presented a letter of commendation and requested to unite Voted to receive him. Sister Lidia Whitmore requested to unite on experience Voted to receive her Susanna Whitmore gave a relation of her christian experience and wished to be baptised and unite Voted to receive her after baptism br and Sister Eno requested letters of dismission voted to grant their request Voted to accept of the letter written to the Association and appointed the following delegates Dea Higgins A. Hamlin A. Dickinson Wm. H. Hall.

Saturday the 18 of June Baptised Susana Whitmore.

Saturday July 30: 1853

The brethren and sisters met in church meeting and had quite a sollem time and but verry few present.

Almon White Ch Clk

The committee met on the 14th of June, 1901, and after
a long session, the following resolutions were adopted.

I. That the committee be authorized to prepare and report
to the next meeting of the committee a report on the
subject of the proposed changes in the constitution and
by-laws of the church, and to make such recommendations
as may seem wise.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to make such
investigation as may be deemed necessary, and to report
thereon at the next meeting of the committee.

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recommendations as may seem wise, and to report thereon
at the next meeting of the committee.

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recommendations as may seem wise, and to report thereon
at the next meeting of the committee.

Saturday August the 27: 1853

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had quite a pleasant time.

Sabbath 28th communion today.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Sept 24: 1853

The brethren and Sisters met in Church meeting and had quite a good time together.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Nov 19: 1853

The brethren and Sisters met in Church meeting and but few present and rather a discouraging time.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Jan 14/54

The brethren and Sisters met together in covenant meeting but few present quite a discouraging time.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday, Feb the 11: 1854

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and after disclosing their minds to each other the following businys was done br Henry Young and wife presented a letter of commendation also sisters Elvira Dickinson and Ann Baldusom presented letter of commendation and wished to unite the brethren and sisters voted to receive them.

Almon White Ch Clk

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Saturday March the 11

Regular church meeting today but few present.

Saturday April the 8: 1854

Covenant meeting today quite a goodly number together and after disclosing their minds the following businys was done.

1 Appointed Elder Blanchard and Thomas Higgins as committee to hunt up the delinquent members

2 Voted Sister Elisa Jane Barnes a letter of commendation and dismissal

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday May 27: 1854

At a Special Church meeting the following persons gave a relation of their christian experience and requested Baptism and to unite (To-wit) Adoniram J. Chapel, David H. Barnes, Lewis Culver, Wm Culver, Wm Persell, Eugene Dickinson, Hubert Lampson, Sarah Jane Dickinson, Harriet Ann Dickinson, Lydis Mari Dickinson Levant B. Dickinson and after hearing their experience the brethren and Sisters voted to receive them and Baptise tomorrow. David King and wife gave a relation of their christian experience and the brethren being satisfied with it and with their Baptism haveing been previously Baptised voted to receive them.

Saturday June the 3: 1854

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting and had a pleasant time and after disclosing their minds to each other the

following busineys was done

1 Voted to receive the following persons who had been Baptised
Rilly R. Barnes, Clark Pierce, Francis Pierce, Ebenezer Pierce
Jane Persell, Phebe Culver

2 Voted to receive William B. Dickinson and Miranda Antonett
Barnes for Baptism and membership voted to receive Mercy
Dickinson on her anticipated Letter

Voted that A. White write the church Letter to the Association
and that the following brethren be our delegates to the Associa-
tion T.R. Higgins, Henry Young, Samuel Barnes, Wm. Persell,
Almon White, Rily R. Barnes, Clark Pierce, Eugene Dickinson,
Levant B. Dickinson, David E. King.

The following resolution was unanimously passed

Resolved that we cannot consistently aid missionary or other
Societies which will receive the known avails of Slavery into
their treasuries or otherwise sustain Slavery directly or
indirectly.

Saturday evening the following persons was received for Baptism.
and membership Clarissa McQueen, Flora Pierce, Ansel Pierce,
Susa Shanks, Sabbath the 4 the following persons was received
for Baptism and membership Mary Dickinson, Judson Shears,
Martha Noble, S.T.W. Smith, Almon Dickinson

Sabbath evening June 4: 1854

Sister Sally Hall was received by letter and Sisters Deborah
Nichols and Mary Pierce was received on experience and Phebe

James W. McKim and his wife were the first to receive Mary

and her children. They returned to the Association

the following day and were warmly received.

Received that we could not possibly and instantly on other

Association which will receive the new arrivals of slavery into

their premises or otherwise assist slavery directly or

on Friday evening the following persons were received for baptism.

John Shanks, Nathan the 4 the following persons were received

for baptism and membership Mary Dickinson, John Shanks

the following evening June 4: 1854

Mary Shanks was received by letter and Nathan Shanks

and Mary Shanks were received on a profession of faith

Snyder, Jane Nichols, Fernando Nichols, and Doese Wildman having been Baptised before Also voted Sister Martha Noble an letter of dismissal.

Sabbath June 11th 1854 the following persons was received by Baptism Sanford Pierce, Paul Pierce, Jane Patterson, Ozias Wright, Barret J. Dickinson, Georgiana Dickinson, Barbary Stroman, Elizabeth Stroman, John Strayer, Henry Taylor,
Saturday July 1th 1854

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and had a pleasant and we trust a proffitable time together the presence of the Lord seemed to be there to bless.

All that were Baptises previous to this were reported at the last Association

Sabbath July 23 Barrett W. Dickinson Died

Saturday July 29: 1854

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting and had a verry pleasant and proffitable time together and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done
1 br Lyman Hettel presented a letter of commendation and was recd as a memter.

2 Voted to receive Jane Strayer who had been Baptised Voted to receive Aaron Shuman, Sarah Shuman and E.N. Hettel and Julia A. Hettel be received as candidates for Baptismand after baptism members voted David A. Munger and wife letter of

dismission.

Saturday August 26: 1854

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and the following busineys was done

- 1 Voted letters of dismissal to David King and wife .
- 2 Voted to receive Mariett Emerson who was Baptised four weeks ago.
- 3 Voted to receive br Abraham Slack on experience
- 4 Voted to receive Sister Haverland and Caroline Haverland and Samuel Culver on Baptism to be administered tomorrow if Elder Blanchard comes if not some other time
- 5 Elected Anthony Dickinson and Ozias Wright Deacons .

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday September 23, 1854

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and not many present on the account of sickneys Sabbath day 24th communion Season and attended baptism of Sisters Haverland and Culver and received James Strayer who was Baptised before .

Almon White Clk

Saturday Oct 21 1854

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting and had quite an interesting time and the following busineys was done voted Sister Jane Nichols a letter of dismissal and appointed brethren Hamlin Hettle and Anthony Dickinson a committee to visit br Ira Nichols who has become skeptical on the truth of the Bible they are to report next church meeting.

Visited to receive Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

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Saturday November 18th 1854

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a profitable Season together Sabbath day the 19th sommunion attended.

Saturday Dec 16/54

No meeting today on the account of the keys being lost to the meeting house.

Saturday Jan 13/55 brethren and sisters met together to renew covenant and had a goodly number present and a pleasant time and br Vanoris Taylor was present and wished to unite with us and become a member with us the brethren and Sisters voted to receive him he had been previously Baptised.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday Jan the 27/55

At a Special meeting the following busineys was done Mary Hittle united by letter the following by Baptism Sister Caroline Carter, Margaret Nichols, Alsine Pierce, Julius Hittle

A. White

Saturday Feb 10: 1855

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had quite a good time and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to be present. Sister Elizabeth Stroman requested a letter of dismissal and her request was granted.

A. White

Sabbath Feb. 11: 1855

Voted Sister Caroline Carter a letter of dismissal and commendation

Saturday March 10th 1855

The brethren and sisters met to renew covenant and had a pleasant time together Sabbath had a communion Season.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday April the 7/1855

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting and had a pleasant time together

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday May 5/55

The brethren and Sisters met in church capacity and had a pleasant time appointed Elder Blanchard to write the church letter to the Association.

A. White

Saturday June 2/55

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and had a verry pleasant time the letter to the Association was read and adopted and the delegates were appointed.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday the 30/55

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting and the following busineys was done first to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Ira Nichols and br Hamlin & Young were appointed to visit br McQueen and Elly Emerson.

Saturday Sept 22: 1855

The brethren & Sisters met in church meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other the following busineys was done.

Voted letters of dismission to Sisters Jane Percell and Deborah Nichols and Rily R. Barnes also voted to drop br John Strayer from the Church.

A. White Ch Clk

Saturday Oct 20: 1855

The brethren & Sisters met in church meeting and the following busineys was done granted letter of dismission to William H. Hall, Sally Hall and Hubert Lampson Continued the committee in the case of br Persell and in the case of br Emerson agreed to continue it untill the next meeting.

Saturday Dec 15/55

The brethren & sisters met in church meeting and quite a number together some came verry late.

Saturday Jan 12/56

The brethren & sisters met in covenant meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other Sister Julia Ann Stroman was received on her christian experience having been Baptised.

Saturday Feb 9/56

The brethren met together and the following busineys was done

- 1 Voted to receive Sister Sally King on a letter of commendation.
- 2 Voted to exclude Alby Emerson on account of his views of the Bible.
- 3 Voted to exclude Wm Percell on account of his conduct.

Voted to exclude Susan Sahnks Clarisa McQueen and Aron Shuman for immoral conduct.

5 Voted to exclude Samuel H. Barnes for not walking with the church and going away without a letter

6 Voted a letter of commendation to Adoniram J. Chapel.

Saturday March 8th 1856

The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a good time together and granted letters of dismissal to Ambler Olds & wife

Saturday April 5: 1856

The brethren met in regular church meeting and but few present

Voted a letter of commendation to Nancy Jennings.

Saturday May 3d 1856

The brethren & Sisters met in covenant meeting-Sabbath the 4 communion Season.

Saturday May 31: 1856

The brethren & Sisters met in regular Church meeting and the following busineys was done Voted to adopt the church letter to the Association written by Elder Blanchard and appointed the following brethren delegates T. Higgins A. Hamlin A. White E. T. Emerson H. Young S. Barnes L. Hettle T. Bojar
Voted a letter commendation & dismissal to Elisa Dickinson.

Saturday July 26: 1856

The brethren & Sisters met in covenant meeting and had quite a solem time.

August 19 br Osias Wright Died.

Saturday August 23/56

The brethren & sisters met in regular church meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other voted Abraham Slack a letter.

Saturday Sept 19th 1856

The brethren met in church meeting and had a good time voted to answer a call from Kendallville for delegates to form a council to take in to consideration the propriety the ordination of br Harris.

Saturday Oct 20/56

The brethren met in covenant meeting and had a good time

Saturday Nov 15/56 The brethren and Sisters met to renew covenant and had a good time voted Sister Marium Barnes a letter of dismissal.

Saturday Dec 13/56

The brethren met in regular church meeting.

Saturday March 7/57

The brethren and sisters met in covenant meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other voted to exclude Judson Shears for swearing and other immoral conduct.

Almon White

Saturday April 4th 1857

The brethren met in regular church meeting & done the following busineys Voted that Elder Blanchard preach for us the ensueing year and that br Higgins Hamlin & White circulate a subscription for him Voted to exclude Doese Wildman Saphronia Sabin & Abigal Green for delinquency in walking with church

Voted to exclude Lewis Culver for swearing voted that br Higgins and Bozar be a committee to visit delinquent members voted to receive sister Elizabeth Stroman on a letter of commendation.

Almon White Ch Clk

Saturday May the 2 1857

The church met in covenant meeting and had a pleasant time while together voted that Elder Blanchard write the church letter to the Association.

Saturday May the 30 1857

Covenant meetin but few out adopted the letter to the Association.

Saturday June 27: 1857

The brethren met in regular meeting but few present rather a discouraging time.

Saturday Nov 14 1857

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting and the following busineys was done

- 1 Voted to exclude James Strayer for immoral conduct.
- 2 Appointed br Hamlin Young and Elder Blanchard as a committe to settle a dificulty with br Barnes and his son Hartwell.

Saturday Dec 12 1857

The above committe reported the dificulty settled satisfactorly and wished to be discharged. Voted to discharge them.

Saturday Jan 9, 1858

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting and had a good time and a good number present. Voted a letter of dismission and commendation to Sister Almira J. Dickinson.

Saturday Feb 6th 1858

Met in church capacity and had a pleasant time and br John Smith gave a relation of his christian experience and asked for Baptism and to unite with us Voted to receive him and baptise tomorrow. Sister Nancy Smith presented a letter of commendation and wished to unite with us Voted to receive her.

Saturday March 6th 1858

The br & Sisters met in church meeting and had a good season together.

Saturday April 3, 1858

The br & Sisters met in church meeting and the following busineys was done

1 Voted a letter of dismission to Sister Aravilla McNall voted that Elder Blanchard preach for us one half of the time the ensuing year and that bro Hamlin Higgins and Emerson circulate a subscription for him.

Saturday May 29 1858

The brethren & Sisters met in regular church meeting and the following busineys was done Voted to adopt a letter to the Association presented by Elder Blanchard and appointed the following br as our delegates to the Association A. White A. Hamlin H. Young V. Taylor E. Pierce S. Barnes L. Kettell

Saturday August 21 1858

The brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting but few present and a discouraging time.

Saturday Nov 13 1858

The brethren & Sisters met to renew covenant and had a good time Sabbath 14 had communion

Saturday Dec 11 1858

The br & Sisters met in church meeting and voted to exclude B.J. Dickinson for immoral conduct voted to exclude Georgian Dickinson for immoral conduct voted to drop Margaret Nichols according to her request Voted to drop Sister Berry for not walking with the church and moveing away without calling for a letter.

Voted to exclude Wm Culver according to his request and for useing Liquor and furnishing it to others and useing profane language. Moved br Hamlin visit Eugene & Almon Dickinson and see why they do not walk with the church and report next meeting
 Moved br Youngs visit Sanford Pierce and see why he does not walk with the Church and report next meeting. Br. Hamlin is to visit Hartwell Barnes and find out why there is such a coldness between him and his father and why he does not walk with the church and report next meeting.

Saturday Jan 8 1859

The br & Sisters met in church meeting and the following busineys was done Br Hamlin reported in the case of br Almon Dickinson and he requested the church to drop him. Voted to drop him.
 In the br Hartwell Barnes case he was present and gave such an explanation of the coldness between himself & father and wanted to continue his walk with the church that the brethren voted that with his explanation of the matter they were Satisfied with him.

Saturday April 30

The Brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and the following Busineys was done Voted that we engage Elder Blanchard to preach to us half of the sabbaths for the ensueing year.
 Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Sanford Pierce.

Saturday 28 1859

The br & Sisters met in regular church meeting and the following brethren was appointed as delegates of the Association C.H. Blanchard Thomas Bozar Banoris R. Taylor Henry Young E.T. Emerson.

Saturday Dec 10 1859

The Brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and after a season of social worship voted that Elder Blanchard and brethren Anthony Dickinson & V.R. Taylor be a committee to labor with br Kettell about certain reports that are in circulation against his christian character and to report at our next regular meeting.

Saturday Feb 3 1860

The brethren & Sisters met in church meeting and quite a good number present and after a social interview Sisters Mary Jane Nichols and Bertia Emerson gave a relation of their christian experience which was satisfactory and wished to be Baptised and unite with us the brethren & Sisters voted to receive them Sabbath Feb 4 attended to the ordinance of Baptism T.R. Higgins died Feb 9 1860

Saturday March 3 1860

The brethren met in church meeting and discharged the committee that was appointed visit br Kettel as he died Feb 24.

Saturday April 28 1860

The brethren & Sisters met in church meeting and voted to circulate a Subscription for Elder Blanchard for preaching one half of the time for the ensueing year Voted that we ought to have a Sabbath School this summer. Voted to exclude David H. Barnes for imoral conduct.

Saturday Aug 18 1860

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and had a good season together and granted a letter of dismission and commendation to Sister Bertia Emerson

Saturday March 2: 1861

The brethren and sisters met in regular church meeting and Sister Plaisted was received as a member of this church on her christian experience and the following br and Sisters were recd as candidates for Baptism and when baptised members of this church -- Philo Taylor, Abraham Plough, Darius Johnson, Sister Plough Samild Hampson,

Sabbath March 3 the above br & Sisters were Baptised and br John Repine and wife were Baptised March 16 at a Special meeting br Repine and wife were received as members and br Edward Ewing and Sisters Headman and Mary Jane White were recd as candidates for Baptism and church fellowship March 17 1861. The ordinance of Baptism was Administered to the above candidates Saturday March 30 1861 at our regular church meeting the following were recd for Baptism and church membership Hellen & Margaret Fields

Sabbath 31 attended to the ordinance of Baptism.

Voted to circulate a Subscription for Elder C.H. Blanchard for the ensuing year.

Saturday April 27 1861

The brethren and Sisters met in church meeting and the following business was done Voted to restore Judson Shears and voted him a letter of commendation and dismissal Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Mary Pierce Voted that brethren Hamlin and Youngs be a committe to visit delinquent members and report at our next meeting.

Saturday May 25 1861

The above committe reported through br Hamlin.

Br & Sister Newton requested to unite with us in church fellowship Voted to receive them they haveing been Baptised befor and the following Sisters were received haveing been Baptised before. Maria Wildman, Jane Taylor and Sister Ewings.

Saturday June 22 1861

The br and Sisters met in covenant meeting and after disclosing their minds to each other br Phil Taylor was chosen deacon.

Saturday Sept 7 1861 Sister Jane Taylor Died.

Saturday March 1 1862

At our regular meeting Sister Bertia Emerson returned her letter from this church and was received as a member by unanimous vote Sister Bertia Emerson died 1862

Saturday Dec. the 6: 1862 at our regular covenant meeting
voted a letter of dismissal to Sister Eunice Higgins.

Saturday Jan 31 1863 voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship
from Julius Kettell for immoral conduct and not walking with
the church in all of her holy ordinances.

Saturday Feb 28: 1863

Regular church meeting day had a good time together Sister
Louisa Pierce requested Baptism and to become a member of this
church voted to receive her. March 1 1863 attended to the
ordination of Baptism today. Br Vanoris Taylor dismissed by
letter today. Br Darius Johnson died in the Hospital at
Washington Feb 15, 1863.

Saturday March 28: 1863

The brethren and Sisters met in regular church meeting and the
following business was done. Sisters Mary Hamlin and Emeline
Culver and Jenny Nicholson were present and wished to be bap-
tized and unite with us it was unanimously voted to receive them.
Voted to have Elder Blanchard preach one half of the time for
the ensuing year and that br P. Taylor and F. Pierce and Sis-
ter Sarah J. Dickinson be a commite to circulate a subscrip-
tion for his support.

Sabbath March 29 the above candidates were Baptised also
Orril Pierce and Adaline Stroman but not as members of this
church.

Saturday May 23, 1863

The br & Sisters met in church meeting and had a good time together Voted to adopt a letter to the Association presented by Elder C.H. Blanchard. Voted that brethren Philo Taylor and Frank Pierce be our delegates to the Association.

Saturday July 18 1863

The br and sisters met in covenant meeting and Sister M.M. Terry gave in her letter and wished to unite with us. Voted to receive her as a member.

Saturday Aug 15 1863

The br and Sisters met in covenant meeting and Sister Adalin Stroman was present and requested to unite with us voted to receive her she had previously been baptised.

Saturday Feb 27 1864

Covenant meeting today Sister Oril Pierce requested to unite with us. She had been baptised. Voted to receive her as a member of this church.

Saturday May 21 1864

The brethren met in church meeting and voted to adopt the letter of the Association written by Elder Blanchard and to send as delegates to the Association the following br and Sisters, Wm. Newton and wife, P. Taylor, Br E. Ewing and wife, Br L.B. Dickinson and wife, S. Barnes and Sister Terry and br E.T. Emerson.

Saturday July 16 1864

Brethren and sisters met in covenant meeting not a very great number present but a Christian spirit prevailed & it was the house of God & the gate of heaven to our souls.

Br A. White Sister Ann White & Sister Mary J. White were granted letters of dismissal & Recommendation.

C.H. Blanchard

Saturday March 25th 1865

Brethren & Sisters met in covenant meeting. A goodly number were present had a good time the spirit of the Lord was with us.

Wm. Newton Ch Clerk

Sabbath April 9th Sister Beatty was Baptised and joined the Church by Receiving the hand of fellowship

William Newton Ch Clerk

April 22nd

Brethren and Sisters met in covenant meeting, not a great number present but had a good time the spirit of the Lord was with us and after disclosing their minds the following businys was done. Brother Rily R. Barnes was reinstated into the Church. Collected for the Home Mission ten dollars.

Wm. Newton Ch Clerk

Saturday May 20th 1865

Brethren and Sisters met in Church meeting and had a good time together Brother L.L. Wildman wished to unite with us Voted to receive him as a member of the Church Chose delegates to the Association which were as follows Brother & Sister Wildman, Brother & Sister Plough, Brother & Sister Newton and Brother P. Taylor.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

June 2 met in an Associational capacity Sabbath following Sister Graham was Baptised into the Church.

Saturday June 17th 1865

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting, attendance about as usual, had a very good time, spoke of the expediency of a communion season proposed to take place four weeks hence.

Wm. Newton Ch Clerk

Saturday August 12th 1865

Brother and Sisters met in Church meeting and had a good time together very well attended the spirit of the Lord was with us.

William Newton Ch C

Saturday Sept 9th 1865

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting very well attended altho Elder Blanchard was absent at a funeral we had a very joyfull meeting together discused the propriety of members goings to Balls and Dancing as some were guilty.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Sabath folowing had a communion season not very well attended.

Wm. Newton Ch C

Saturday Nov 4th 1865

Brethren and Sisters met in regular Church meeting and altho few were present we had a very good time in waiting before the Lord Made arangement for wood for the winter.

Wm. Newton Ch C

Saturday Dec 3

Brothers and Sisters met together in Covenant meeting and altho there were but few present yet we had a good time in waiting before God. The Spirit of the Lord was with us -- some araingements were made about geting wood for the Winter.

Wm. Newton Ch C

Saturday Dec 31 1865

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting had a refreshing season together very well attended.

Wm. Newton Ch C

Saturday Jan 27 1866

Brethren and Sisters met in Church meeting quite a large number present there seemed to be a great feeling of Brotherly love and union we had a Glorious time together Closed by prayer

Wm. Newton Ch C

Saturday Feb 24 1866

Our covenant meeting this day was very well attended we had a Glorious time together all seemed willing to take up the cross in fact the spirit of the Lord was in our midst. Two came forward to join the Church Sister Raby by experience Sister Miranda J. McQueen by letter they were excepted.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday 24th 1866

Brethren and Sisters but a few met together in Church meeting had a verry good time together Voted to keep Elder Blanchard with us half the time the coming year. Agreed to draw up and circulate a subscription for that purpose, Closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Saturday April 21st 1866

Brothers & Sisters met in Church meeting it was verry well attended after we had all taken up our crosses and spoken in honor of Jesus and his Holy Religion, Brother Keffer and wife were voted into the Church after being Baptised also Sister Betsy Ann Watkins and Sister Sophiah E. Watkins were admitted by letter.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Saturday May 19 1866

Brothers and Sisters met in Coventent meeting it was well attended had a good time together. Voted to change the name of the Church from Johnson to Wolcottville Baptist Church. Collected ten dollars for Mission purposes and two for printing minutes; voted to receive Sister Pierce into the Church after being Baptised. Closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Saturday June 16th 1866

Saturday July 14th 1866

Saturday August 11th 1866

Saturday Sept 8th 1866

Brothern and Sisters met in Church meeting a goodly number present. Had a good time waiting before the Lord. Sister Hodder requested Baptism and was Baptised on Sabath folowing.

Saturday Oct 6, 1866

Brothers and Sisters were permitted by the Providence of God to meet together in covenant meeting an unusual number were present had a glorious time together in renewing our covenant with each other and with our God. Sister Hodder was admited into the church having been Baptised the Sabbath previous. Closed by Benediction.

Wm. Newton Church Ck

Saturday Nov 3/66

Brothers and sisters met in Church meeting a very good number present had a good time together after the usual business of meeting and renewing our covenants with each other and our God closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Voted to give letters to Bro and Sister Pierce

Saturday Dec 1st 1866

Brothers and Sisters met in covenant meeting not a great many present but we had a good time were blessed with the Spirit of God with us

After the usual labours of the meeting were over we closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Saturday 29th Dec 1866

Brothers and Sisters met together in Church meeting verry good attendance had a good meeting --- Sister Jane Tuck was admitted into the Church by recommendation from the Church at Goshen. Closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Ck

Lord's Day Dec 30th Communion service.

Saturday Jan 26th 1867

This day Elder Blanchard was not here five or six met together had one Prayer and disspered.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday Feb 23d 1867

Brothers and Sisters a large number met together in Church meeting and had a good time in waiting upon the Lord had our spiritual strength renewed. Closed with Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday March 23/67

Brothers and sisters met in Church meeting a goodly number present had a good time together Voted to circulate a subscription list for Elder Blanchard to preach another year. Voted Brother Michael Rosenberger into the Church and Brother Tuck after being Baptised.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday March 20th 1867

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting a goodly number present and had a good time together and after the usual exercises of the meeting was over the following persons were voted into the Church after being Baptised viz -- Rebeca Wolf, Sarah J. Myers, Alace M. Paulus, Bell S. Pierce, Angeline Wildman, Augustie Plough, Dewit M. Pierce, Wm _____ James Tuck, David Gloor. Closed by Benediction

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

on the following Sabbath the above persons were Baptised with the addition of Luty Dickinson and Mary Reffer except David

Glore who had been Baptised before.

Wm. Newton, Ch Clk

Saturday May 18th 1867

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting it was well attended had a good time waiting upon the Lord after the usual exercises of the meeting was over the following persons were voted into the Church viz Ellie Towsley and Eliza Young after being Baptised also Lurie Dickinson and Mary Keifer who had been Baptised Delegates vultured to go to the Association L.L. Wildman, Philo Taylor Fernando Nichols and others.

Closed with prayer.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday June 20th 1867

Brothers and sisters met in Church meeting had a good time together Elbie Towsley asked for a letter of dismission granted it following Sabath partook of the Lord's Supper.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday July 11th 1867

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting had a good season together the meeting was verry well attended considering the season of the year after all had taken up the cross and spoken a word for Jesus and His Holy Religion closed by Prayer by Brother Rosenberger.

Wm. Ch Clk

Saturday August 10th 1867

Brothers and Sisters met in Church meeting a goodly number present had a verry good time together had some remarks from Father Barnes relative to the bad state of the Church. Closed

with Benediction.

Sister Jane Tuck departed this life August 29, 1867

Saturday Sept 7th 1867

Brothers and Sisters met together in Church meeting verry well attended had a good time after the usual duties were preformed Closed by Benediction.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday October 5th 1867

Brothers and sisters met in Covenant meeting had a good time together Sister Margaret A. Smith handed in her letter from the Wisleyan Church and wished to become a member of our Church she was excepted. Closed.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Saturday Nov 2nd 1867

Met in church meeting as usual was not able to remain to its conclusion.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

November 30th 1867

Brothers and sisters came together for church meeting rather sparcelly attended but we had a verry good time in waiting before the Lord. Closed by Benediction.

Wm. Newton, Ch Clk

Feb 23d 1868

Brothers and sisters met in Church meeting as usual-myself
absent

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Sunday the 8th of March Edgar _____ was Baptised.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

March 21st 1868

Brothers and sisters met in church meeting which was very well
attended there seemed to be an unusual good feeling exhibited
the meeting was lively and interesting after disclosing our
minds to each other the following business was done Sister
Martha Harris who had been Baptised wished to unite with us
Voted to receive her.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

Sabbath 22 Communion season verry well attended.

Saturday April 18th 1868

Brothers and Sisters met in covenant meeting and had a verry
pleasant and we trust a proffitable time togeather and after
disclosing our minds to each other the following business was
done Voted to retain Elder Blanchard to preach for us half of
the time the ensuing year. Voted a commitee to circulate and
collect a subscription for the payment of his services viz
L L Wildman, Brother Young, Brother L. Dickinson, appointed
Brothers Newon and Dickinson to write the church letter.

Wm. Newton Ch Clk

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT EGE.

When Gabriel Girardot left his native home in France in 1853 he made a vow to build a church, as an act of thanksgiving, if his family could leave their little farm home near Paris and join him in the New World.

Being a devout Catholic, Mr. Girardot fulfilled his vow after his wife and three small children arrived in what is now Swan Twp., Noble Co., Ind. On this farm Mr. Girardot built a small log church and all the crude furnishings with his own hands, including the altar and seats. Two acres of his farm were given for the church and stood where the curcifix now stands in the cemetery a short distance east of the present church, while the Girardot homestead bordered the cemetery on the east. Mr. and Mrs. Girardot occupied the original log house as long as they lived and the farm is still owned by their descendants of the second and third generation. This little log church was finished in 1855 and dedicated in 1856 by Father Deschamps who was located at Avilla. Gabriel Girardot died in 1900, and is buried in the church cemetery.

A few French Catholics lived close by namely: Peter Cuney, John Pachon, Bryie and Guiff and families. After the dedication of the church Father Deschamp continued to visit St. Marys and the place was known as "Girardots Settlement".

Shortly after this several Irish Catholic families located on farms in neighboring counties. Among these families were the Philip Lynch, Patrick Maloney, Thomas Madden, Wilkinsons and others.

The Rev. Henry Vincent Schaeffer, also of Avilla visited the Mission periodically until in 1863 when a larger frame church was built to accomodate the increasing congregation. This church was built on the site of the original log church and was 25x40 ft. Before the church was finished Bishop Luers and Father Benoit celebrated Mass here while prospecting for the location of an Orphans Home for the Diocese of Ft. Wayne.

When completed this little new church was valued at \$1000. For several years after this church was built the priests from Avilla came to St. Marys to attend to the spiritual needs of the parish.

Early in 1870 a number of German families located on farms near the church, among the first German settlers in the community were Peter Hottinger, Anthony John, Charles Schoenher, Daniel Weaver, and a few others.

In 1875 Father Duehmig of Avilla purchased four acres of land for the congregation of St. Marys just a short distance west of the church. A new frame church was built on this location to more adequately provide for the rapidly increasing congregation. This was a frame church 35x90 ft. with a seating capacity for 260 people. At the time of dedication the name was changed to the church of the Immaculate Conception. With the growing congregation came an increasing number of children to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to organize a Parochial School. The old church erected in 1863 was moved westward near the new church. It was remodeled for a school room, a priest's home and living quarters for three Franciscan Sisters who came from Joliet, Ill., to take charge of the new school.

Between 1870 and 1875 a number of Polish immigrants settled in the community and as none of them could speak English, Peter Garstka acted as their leader and interpreter. The ways of America were different from the way of their homeland, but after their adjustment they became exemplary citizens and were devoted to their religious duties according to the new order of things.

The first resident pastor was Rev. William Giers who took charge of the parish in 1876. He was succeeded by Rev. Peter Franzen who remained in charge until Oct. 1878 when Father Francis X. Ege came to the parish and remained for almost 20 years. He was a native of Wurtinburg, Germany, a deep student and a very highly educated man.

On coming to the church of the Immaculate Concep-

tion, Father Ege found an indebtedness of \$3500. This was almost paid off, when in 1885 the old church building, used as a parish house and school, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground together with all the contents. In 1886 a new brick school building was erected south of the church accomodating 60 pupils, the upper floor was used for parish meetings and entertainments. There were also living quarters for the teaching Sisters.

During Father Ege's pastorate the beautiful, large brick home was built that for almost 60 years has been the parish house. The cost of this home was \$3500. When Father Ege's successor, Rev. Francis P. Foust took charge of the parish he found a surprisingly small debt of only \$300.

In the later 1880's, a postoffice was established here and was named Ege, to honor the faithful pastor. The first postmaster was Joseph Mason who kept a little country store at the northwest corner of the crossroads.

In 1922 another catastrophe visited the church of the Immaculate Conception, when it was completely destroyed by fire. However, as in other disasters, the congregation decided unanimously to build a bigger and better church. Under the guidance of Rev. Raphael Donnelly a beautiful brick church was built in 1923. It is a monument to those pioneers who came to worship God in a free America. Many of these pioneers are honored with beautiful imported stained glass windows in the new church. The interior of which is artistically decorated, while the altars and statuary are very inspirational.

Today (1944) the property of the church of the Immaculate Conception is outstanding for a rural community, consisting as it does of the church, Parish House and school, all fine substantial brick buildings advantageously located at the crossing of two roads. These buildings stand on four acres of ground beautifully landscaped with trees and shrubbery. The two acres of ground where the little old log church was located is a beautiful, well kept cemetery where many fine marble and granite monuments and headstones mark the last rest-

ing place of these pioneers.

As a memorial to their parents, the family of Peter Grastka have erected the beautiful iron fence surrounding the cemetery.

The congregation of the church of the Immaculate Conception now consists of seventy families and the present pastor is the Rev. Cassimer R. Moskwinske.

The broad acres that spread in every direction from the focal point - The Church - are owned, for the most part, by the children and grandchildren of those pioneers from France, Ireland, Germany and Poland. The peace and tranquility of the community might well be the setting of "The Angelus" or "The Gleaners", masterpieces of the great French artist Millet.

Peace, prosperity, and contentment are evident in the comfortable, substantial and well ordered homes - homes that could not be enjoyed today if their ancestors had lacked the courage to come to America, "The land of the Free" to worship their God as they chose.

Mrs. W.A. DeVault

The writer's father, Dr. Francis M. Magers and his brother, Mr. Ambrose Magers came in 1864 and should be counted among the early settlers. Dr. F.M. Magers practiced medicine for 52 years. in this community.

CENTER CHAPEL CHURCH HISTORY IS UNFOLDED

Interesting historical facts were unfolded at the 50th anniversary celebration at the Center Chapel U.B. church, which proved to be a crowning event on the lovely autumnal day.

In the morning there was Sunday School and recognition of the service flag, and a program of music and dialogues. Four members represented on the flag were present: Robert Stiffney, Lucien Eley, Arthur Wilks and Robert Rimmel. Others unable to attend were Roger and Forrest Stemen, Fred Rimmel, William Jr. Hague, Wallace Dill, June Logan Dill, Leslie Logan Jr., Perry Logan, Ivan Munk, William C. Munk, Ernest Thompson, Robert Uhl, Phyllis Uhl, Ronald Rice and Ralph Depew.

Those entering service since V-E day are Franklin Taylor, Delbert Wilks, Raymond Rhea, and Harold Depew. There were no gold stars.

The gifts of bounty were used in a display and presented to the pastor, Rev. I. Holloway and family.

A bountiful dinner was enjoyed in the shade of the church at noon, and in the afternoon the history of the church was presented by Glen Rimmel, who found in old records that Mrs. Lucy Rawson was the first superintendent of the Sunday School when it was held in the school house. The records also show names and amounts received for the church dedicated Dec. 28, 1896. Trustees then were Amos Rimmel, Albert Rimmel, John T. Hague and David Munk, all deceased, and William Waldron. The head bishop of the church, Bishop Castle, assisted by presiding Elder Syccafose, and the pastor, Rev. J.W. Ferto, conducted the services. In this church Delbert Watkins was the first superintendent. Choir members were Ernie Rawson, Cora Watkins, Lilly Rawson, Ena Strater, E.W. Newlin, Hattie Cain, Charles Shaw and Gideon Cobbs.

The quartette was Matie and Ernie Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Del Watkins; organist Lottie Strater, Charter members were Lillie Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rimmel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rimmel, Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Rimmel, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Watkins, Mrs. John Cain, Mrs. John Rhea, Mrs. Grant Holcomb, Mrs. Nora Stone, Mrs. Dora Cox, Mrs. C.C. Cain and Mrs. Ena Strater.

In the progress of the church, given by Frank Munk, officers served well during the thick and lean years, although at times so few came it was hardly worth the effort to continue. Older members and friends who responded were Mr. and Mrs. George Uhl, J.T. Hague, Mrs. Amos Rimmel, Gideon Cobbs Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Jackson.

Rev. E.H. Lane of Fort Wayne, delivered the address. He urged his listeners to carry on and to forever support the steeple of the church at the side of the road as a light-house to all those who come and go in these times of uncertainty.

90 Years of Progress in Church of Christ Cricles

A history of the Church of Christ, data for which was compiled by John H. Baughman and which was read by Atty. Vermont Finley at the ninetieth anniversary celebration of the Church Sunday is most interesting. (Sunday Nov. 21, 1943)

It shows the trial and tribulations of this ninety year old congregation and the advance made in the march of time. It follows:

In the month of May, 1853, Wm. Dowling, one of the pioneer Christian Ministers of Central Ohio, moved with his family from Mt. Gilead to Noble County and settled on a farm in Allen township about two and one-half miles equal distance from the two viages of Lisbon and Kendallville. Three of the older members of this family had preceded the father and mother and younger children to this new country and had settled a few miles to the southward.

In the village of Lisbon, James Walker resided with his family, engaged in the merchandise and lumber business and with him engaged as a clerk was his young nephew, Noah A. Walker. James Walker, his wife and his nephew, Noah, were members of the Church of Christ where they formerly resided. Young Noah had been a student at Fairview academy, in South-Central Indiana, under Prof. A.R. Benton who afterward became president of Northwestern Christian University at Indianapolis, and had decided, when the way opened, to make the ministry his life work. In the early part of the year 1853 he had preached a sermon or two in the village school house where the Methodist Church conducted services monthly and had in operation a successful Sunday School. The young evangelist had engaged in a brief public discussion with a young lawyer and teacher of note, who under took to uphold the doctrine of Universal Salvation without reference to life or character. The testimony of these who heard was that the young Lawyer was decidedly worsted in the encounter by the young clerk and ministreial student. "To Noah A. Walker, there-

fore, undoubtedly belongs the honor of preaching the first sermons ever preached in this immediate region by a Disciple of Christ."

Elder M. Dowling was no sooner settled in the community than he began to hold Sunday service occasionally in the Lisbon school house and his pleasing personality, ability and experience won the hearts of the people, and the way was opened for an aggressive forward movement.

About the middle of August, 1853, Elder Wm. Dowling assisted by Elder Eben Thompson of Huntington, Ind. began revival services, held nightly in the school house at Lisbon, which immediately attracted wide attention.

On Sunday, August 28, 1853, the audiences having outgrown the capacity of the school house, a meeting was held in a grove belonging to a Mr. Baker, a zealous member of the Methodist church, just south of the village and at the close of the morning service the first Christian Church in Noble county was organized with twenty-seven members. Elders and deacons were named and Elder Wm Dowling was selected pastor and directing head. The revival continued for a month or more and many were added to the new church.

The place of the nightly meetings was moved to the assembly room of the hotel kept by Asa Brown to accommodate the crowds. Before the meeting closed the most of the leading citizens of the village had cast their lots with the new church. Among these were Matthew H. Mott; Henry R. Benjamin, the young lawyer and teacher referred to before; Asa Brown and wife; the hotel keeper and in some respects the chief man of the village; Daniel Bixler, his wife and two or three children and there were the Bakers, the Whitford, The Blackmans, the Shearers and others.

Another result of that revival at Lisbon was that services in the village by other religious bodies were for the time discontinued.

Regular services were held in the Lisbon school house, but steps were soon taken for the erection of a house of worship. It was not until the summer of 1857

that the building was completed because of the inability to secure funds to crowd the work forward.

Not long after the completion of the new building it became evident to those in charge of the affairs of the church that Kendallville, was to become a center of population, and would be the place where the church should be located. A little church had been organized in the Rendall or Childs neighborhood about two and one-half miles northeast of Kendallville, made up quite largely of those living there who had been members at Lisbon. In the meanwhile, Wm Mitchell donated ground to the New York Central railroad to draw the railroad to Kendallville, which Mr. Brown would not do, so that was the life of Kendallville, and the death of Lisbon.

In the spring of 1861 it was decided to unite these two congregations and locate the church in Kendallville. A church building belonging to the Baptists was rented, a short series of meetings held by Wm Dowling and James G. Encell, a young pastor of Painesville, O., and a union of these two congregations was consummated on the 24th of April, 1861.

The Civil War had just begun and the circumstances were not promising. For some time the church met for worship variously in the Baptist and the M.P. churches, the Maple Street school and in an upstairs room on Main Street known as Dakes Hall.

In the summer of 1862, the building at Lisbon which was still the property of the church, was taken down, piece by piece, removed to Kendallville and re-erected on the corner of Oak and Harris streets, on the present site of the Flint & Walling power plant. It was speedily completed and formally dedicated with more impressive ceremonies than were common among our people in those days.

The services were under the general direction of W. W. Dowling, who since the consolidation of the two churches, had been what they designated then "the president of the eldership," an acting pastor. The dedication sermon was preached by John Encel of Akron, O and Elder Wm. Dowling, James Hadsell, Randall Faurot and others were present and assisted in the services.

The founder of the Kendallville church, Wm Dowling

and its pastor emeritus to the day of his death, was always held in the highest veneration and esteem as evidenced by the fact that the memorial window in the front of the present church building bears his name.

In October, 1872, the church building at Harris and Oak Streets, was repaired and refurnished at a cost of \$3500, and in the summer of 1881 they erected a fine dining hall on the fair grounds which proved a source of quite a large revenue for about forty years.

This church building in which we meet today, 1943 was built in 1891 during Elder H.T. Huff's ministry. the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the purchase of plans and specifications for a new church. The lot was purchased in January, 1889. at a cost price of \$1305.55 and at a called meeting December 14, 1890, it was decided to begin building in the spring of 1891. A building committee was appointed consisting of G.P. Alexander, Geo. W. Rendall, HE. Reyher, J.A. Blackman, John W. Miller, Henry Browand, L.J. McConnell, Wm Cushing and John Walters. G.P. Alexander was chosen chairman and treasurer and L.J. McConnell secretary.

Plans were adopted on May 8, 1891, the contract for construction was let to John Bruggeman of Kendallville, at a price for the bare building of \$8,263, to be completed October 14, 1891.

On July 13 the cornerstone was laid with appropriate ceremonies, and on November 15, 1891, the completed church was formally dedicated. Total cost of the building was \$10,000. J.A. Roberts was pastor, and the dedicatory address was made by F.M. Rains of Topeka, Kan. There were services morning, afternoon, and evening, and the entire \$10,000 had been raised before the day was over. George Cramer of Akron, O., was the architect, a brother-in-law of J.A. Blackman, and second cousin of J.H. Baughman. The main part of the "old church" was then moved north and remains now at 319 Sargent Street as a residence.

The newspaper of Monday, Nov. 16, 1891, contained a three column article about the dedication, the first paragraph of which read "The City of Spires is no

longer a misnomer for Kendallville. A city of but 3,000 population with ten flourishing church societies, five of whom worship in handsome and costly brick structures, surely is worthy of some name that will distinguish it from its unaspiring heathen neighbors. There are five brick churches, which all were models of their day, yet the new Christian church dedicated yesterday is the handsomest of all. Kendallville is proud of it and of the enterprising society that built it."

Jubilee services connected with the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church were held on Sunday Oct. 11, 1903. W.W. Dowling of St. Louis, Mo., who was a son of Elder Wm Dowling, the founder of the church, one of the charter members at Lisbon, the first clerk of the church, the first superintendent of the Sunday School at the first acting pastor after the removal to Kendallville, was present and spoke at both the morning and afternoon services. The subject of his morning address was "The Family of God" and was most fitting to the happy occasion.

In the after noon came the jubilee services with reminiscences by former pastors and messages and greetings from absent pastors and members. Rev. W.W. Dowling spoke of the beginning years' history of the church with which he was perfectly familiar; Rev. O.Q. Oviatt gave a brief resume of several years following; Rev. J. A. Roberts spoke of the building of the present church and its dedication; Rev. J.O. Rose followed with the five years period of his loyal service, and Rev. C.H. Bass concluded the series with a brief message and the happy announcement of the lifting of the debt. A short address also was made by Rev. Noah A. Walker of Ft. Wayne the former clerk and ministerial student at Lisbon. Messages from many absent members were read.

In 1915 the south side of the church building was remodeled and made into an up-to-date Sunday School plant and the sliding doors installed at a cost of \$2400. The special services celebrating this improvement were held in the fall of 1915 with Dr. Herbert L. Willett of

the divinity school of the University of Chicago as special speaker. W.D. Trumbull was the pastor.

For years many members had dreamed of the day when our church could boast of a pipe organ. The year 1917, while V. Hayes Miller was pastor, this dream came true. The Ladies' Aid raised \$800, and Mrs. Valletta Kimmell as chairman of a committee, secured a gift of \$1000 from Andrew Carnegie, the church membership duplicated this \$1000, as required by Mr. Carnegie, the total cost being \$2800. The Pilcher Sons of Louisville, Ky., had the contract for installing, and on Jan. 6, 1918, the splendid instrument was dedicated. This instrument is said to be the last Carnegie organ installed.

On Sept 1, 1918, the 65th anniversary of the founding of the church was observed with special services throughout the day and evening. The afternoon program was patriotic in its nature. The World War had reached a climax about this time. Rev. Geo. B. Townsend of Angola, was the speaker. There was special patriotic music by a mixed quartet. There were two service flags upon the church walls, one honoring eighteen boys who heard and answered their country's call and the other eight members who had given their lives to the ministry or missions or to special religious work.

In May, 1928, another anniversary of seventy-five years was held with J.D. Hull speaker, assisted by I. W. Smith and Pastor D.R. Moss.

Ministers and substitutes who served were:

Wm Dowling Sr., Geo W. Blodgett, Jas. Hadsell, J.B. New
Jas. G. Encell, Randell Faurot, Robert Rawson, Isaac
Evertt, W.W. Dowling, John Encell, Jesse Roberts, W.
T. Harner, L.H. Dowling, Elizah Goodwin, I.N. Demmon,
J.K. Dodge, Eben Thompson, M.L. Gault, James Hadsell
Dr. A.G. Goodwin.
John Boggs, A.F. Armstrong C. M. C. Cook. H.D. Gardner
Charles Stevens, M.L. Blaney, C.B. Black, H.T. Buff,
J.A. Roberts, Robert Hall, W.N. Arnold, J.O. Rose,
E.S. Conner, C.H. Bass, J.D. Hull, A.B. House, W.D.
Trumbull, V. Hayes Miller, M.S. Decker, I.W. Smith
D.R. Moss, H.W. Mount.

New Record is established in Church Annals

Church of Christ Observes Ninetieth Anniversary here Sunday New Church of God Holds Dedication

A unique record was established yesterday in the annals of Kendallville churches when one congregation observed the ninetieth anniversary of its organization in Noble County and another dedicated its new church.

The congregations participating in the notable occasion were the Church of Christ, observing its ninetieth anniversary, and the Church of God, which dedicated its new edifice, corner of Mitchell and Oak streets.

There was a large attendance at each of the services and the programs presented were inspirational, educational and uplifting. To many of the representatives of each it was a crowning event that will live ever as a memory in their hearts. To the pioneers of the Church of Christ it meant hard work and sacrifice. To the promoters of the Church of God who have just completed their church building it also meant hard labor, sacrifice and a will to do.

At the Church of God, ministers and members of congregations from the surrounding community were in attendance. The Rev. Lawrence J. Foudy of Nappanee, delivered the dedicatory sermon, assisted by the visiting clergy in the dedicatory program.

Rev. Foudy spoke on "The Church of Tomorrow". It was a fine message and an inspiration to all who heard him. Special music was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Snyder of Garrett. Rev. Charles Hartung of Fort Wayne, offered the dedicatory prayer.

\$1500 Collection

The collection taken at the meeting was sufficient to cover the expenses of remodeling the building which will approximate \$1,500.

The congregation was organized in April of this year

by the Rev. G.C. Asbury, who moved here from Stroh, where he had been pastor for eleven years. He came here at the request of approximately twelve families who had held membership in other churches of the denomination, and felt the need of a place to worship locally. These form the charter membership of the church.

It is announced that a Sunday School will be organized next Sunday, with fifty pupils to be enrolled at the start.

Among those present for the dedicatory services were: The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hartung, pastor of the Fort Wayne Church; The Rev. and Mrs. W.W. Brewer of Auburn; who were accompanied by Evangelist Betty Adams of Huntington, W. Va., now conducting special services in the Auburn Church; the Rev. and Mrs. James Elston, Ashley; The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Beaver, LaGrange; the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Snyder, Garrett; the Rev. Miss Roberta Greenawalt and the Rev. Miss Wilma Combs, Angola; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins, Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce R. Corey, Huntington the latter being laymen prominent in the Church of God state organization. Mr. Corey, member of the church extension and home missions committee, was assigned to assist the Rev. Mr. Asbury in the work of purchasing the local property and remodeling of the structure.

The first floor of the former T.A. Berhalter residence corner Mitchell and Oak streets, has been converted in to an auditorium which will care for the needs of the congregation for some time to come, while the second story will be arranged for rooms for the Sunday School classes. The work of remodeling was in charge of Virgil C. Grady, local contractor, and members of the congregation are well pleased with their new church home.

At Church of Christ

An all-day meeting was observed at the Church of Christ. The 10:30 a.m. service was dedicated in honor of the young

men who are serving in the various branches of the military service and the former leaders and workers in the church during the past 90 years.

The girls trio, the Misses Beverly Engle, Martha Ellen Engle and Jeannine Mount sang "Beyond the Sunset" as an introduction to this service. A string ensemble composed of the Misses Gunilda Gutstein, Edith Cripe and Kathleen Mabus played "Keep the Home Fires Burning". Mrs. C.W. Hudson, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Fritz, sang "When the Lights Go On Again All Over the World".

Rev. H.W. Mount, pastor of the church read the names of fifty-one young men now in the service from this church. Mrs. Harvey Engle and Mrs. Margaret Long lighted candles one for each name read. This candle lighting service was accompanied by the String Ensemble playing softly strains from "When the Lights Go On Again". As names were read for members of families who were present stood in silent tribute to young men of their family. The congregation joined in singing the first verse of the National Anthem. The vested choir sang the anthem "A Thanksgiving Hymn", under the direction of Paul McClain with Miss Betty Crofoot at the organ.

Present Service Flag

A beautiful Service Flag was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Brechbill. This flag will hang on the sanctuary walls with the Service Honor Roll presented some time ago by the members of the Optimist Bible class.

Rev. Mount delivered the message using as his theme: "The Hall of Heroes." Tribute was paid, in this message, to the Heroes of war, the Heroes of Pioneering, the Heroes of Truth and the Heroes of Love. "All of these heroes of the past and present challenge all of us to live for and uphold the sacred heritage that is ours because of the sacrifices that they have made. Young men from all homes of our nation are serving and some are dying to uphold and perpetuate the Christian faith of justice and righteousness. It

is ours to uphold that faith in our lives on the home front.

During the fellowship dinner at the noon hour Rev. Mount presided and made recognition of all committees and others who were responsible for the arranging of the various parts of the program. Brief messages were made by former members and visitors during this period. A number of people were present who had been members of the local congregation for more than fifty years and just tribute was made to them.

Miss Ruth Hamilton presided during the afternoon service giving an introduction to the Junior choir.

Members of this choir, under the direction of Mrs. H.W. Mount, presented the devotional service and special musical numbers. Letters were read from former ministers who were unable to be present in the service. Four ministers who have served the church in the past are still living but, unfortunately, none was able to be present for the service.

Atty. Vermont Finley was the speaker for the afternoon and presented a very interesting history of the church, paying special tribute to all who had made some special type of contribution to the program of the church during the past years. The church history was written by John H. Baughman and D.W. Lovett and will be published in Tuesday's issue of the News-Sun. Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Roselda Holsinger and Sam Keck, the oldest living members of the church. Because of ill health Mrs. Holsinger was unable to be present. Special recognition was also given to all the other older members of the church.

This church was organized in 1853 and has been worshipping in the present building since 1891. The first building of the organization is now a residence located on Sergeant Street.

South Bend, Indiana
Nov. 20th 1946

Mrs. H.G. Misselhorn
229 Newnam Avenue,
Kendallville, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Misselhorn:

This is in reply to your letter of November 9th regarding the History of the German M.E. Church of Kendallville, Indiana.

The Congregation had its beginning in the home of Mr. Bodenhoefer, about two miles east of Kendallville. Then in a school house near by, before the church was built.

In 1861 one of the well-to-do residents of Kendallville gave to the German Methodist Church a lot for a building place to erect a Church and parsonage upon it. Then about five years later the Church and the house was built under the direction of the first Minister. Rev. George Schwinn, who served during the years 1863-1866. The Church was dedicated in 1866.

Some of the first members among the farmers, with their families were: Bodenhoefers, Bogners, Jourdans, Kurlys, Leins, Weingatts. Some of the first members among those in the City were: Harders, Henry Pullman (who later became a minister), Bodins, Kasbaums, Deibles, Kriwitz, and others.

Following are the ministers who served this congregation from 1863 to the time the church was sold:

Rev. George Schwinn	3 years
Rev. Charles A. Miltzer	3 years
Rev. Henry J. Krill	2 years
Rev. Andrew Mayer	4 years
Rev. Henry Buddenbaum	2 years
Rev. William Mueller	3 years
Rev. John R. Bodmer	2 years
Rev. John Konrad Gommel	3 years
Rev. John Henry Schimmelpennig	1 year

Rev. August Gerlach	7 years
Rev. John Haas	5 years
Rev. David Dobbrick	3 years
Rev. Hermann Rogatzky	3 years
Rev. David Dobbrick (second time)	3 years
Rev. John C. Speckmann	1 year
Rev. Emil G. Boch	3 years
Rev. William Jauch	5 years
Rev. William Weiler	3 years
Rev. W.P. Rueckheim (last minister and don't know just how long he served	

In the years of 1898-1901 the Church was re-modeled under the Pastorate of Rev. Emil G. Boch.

In the year 1901-1906 part of the lot was sold, and a new parsonage was built under the Pastorate of Rev. William Jauch.

All services were held in the German Language up to 1907 when Rev. William Weiler began the English Services on Sunday Evenings.

Under the Pastorate of Rev. W.P. Rueckheim the membership of the Church got too small and could not keep up much longer. Partly due to quite a few people leaving the city and also many deaths amongst the older members.

A little later the Church was sold by the Conference to the Christian Science Church.

I Came to the church in 1866 and then moved to South Bend in 1910. I am now 90 years of age and still active in the church here.

Sincerely
John C. Koch
241 E. Broadway,
South Bend 18, Indiana

CHURCHES IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

Jefferson Township was organized in 1838 by the election of James Skinner, Lewis Potts, and John Foster as trustees; Martin John Call as Justice; and - - Alford as Constable. At this election there were nine votes cast, as these men had no competition.

The first church that was built was the "Hartman Chapel", erected in 1856 near the Hockenberger corners. It was later moved east one-half mile and is used as a storage house and is yet in good condition. The ground was leased by D.E. Hartman and hence the name. It was built by the M.E. Society.

The second church was Rehoboth, built in 1857 on the order of a large frame dwelling house and at that time was in a flourishing condition.

The third church was the Zion Chapel which was frame and regularly used.

The fourth church was the "Old School Baptist", one and one-half miles east of Albion and was built in 1869. It is a frame and was in constant use.

The fifth and last church was the Union. It is brick and was built in 1875 and all denominations have the privilege of worshipping there. The total cost of this building was \$3,000.

In the year 1838 the death angel made its first visit in this little colony and snatched the fairest little bud from the home of Alfred Skinner, and no spot was set aside in the township for a burying ground. James Skinner kindly tendered a little spot in which to deposit the remains. Soon after, another child was laid to rest by its side and hence the name of the Skinner Cemetery. We now have three cemeteries in the township and all are neatly arranged.

The first school house that was built in Jefferson township was erected on the Mr. James Skinner farm about one-half mile west of where the Union Church now stands. It was built of logs and was covered with clapboards and

there were no nails in existence then. They were held down by weight poles and the floor was made of split logs with the split side up and there were non-skid seats. The fireplace was made of small stones, the chimney of small stocks and stones.

The windows were made by cutting a portion of one log on each side of the house and pasting in greased paper on each side in the place of glass. This afforded light enough providing the house was not too full of smoke. No record is known as to when this house was built. The first teacher was Orrin Watkins and was paid \$1.50 per scholar. In 1839, District No. 5, a frame schoolhouse was built across the road where the Union Church now stands, which is now a part of the cemetery grounds and in later years was burned to the ground. A few years later a brick building was built one-fourth mile east.

No record shows when No. 1 was built but it was a frame house and it also was burned and in time was replaced by a brick structure. No. 2 was built in 1878 and was called the Harvey Schoolhouse which is a brick and is now used for a storehouse. No. 3 - of frame construction - was built in 1871, and was called the Kline School. In later years it was moved from its location and was replaced by a brick building.

No. 4 - frame - was built in the 50's 3-4 mile east of Albion, directly north of the Charles Stanley farm, and after it had served its usefulness, it was moved on the John Shirk farm for a dwelling, which is now the Leland Miller farm. In 1868 another house was built 1/4th mile north of the Baptist Church, and a few years later was moved on the Harry Black farm where it is used as a tool house. It was called Mount Salem.

No. 6 - frame - was built in 1880, later in 1880's or very few years thereafter, it was moved off its foundation and replaced by a brick structure. This was called the "Town House" and it was the only voting place in the township. District No. 7 was a brick and was built in 1872 and was always called the Foster School.

District No. 9 was built of logs in 1860, one-half mile southeast of Rehoboth Church on the edge of a tamarack swamp, and later was torn down and a brick was erected near the site of Rehoboth Church. This was formerly called the Prouty School, but now "Walnut Crossing." No. 10, a frame, was built in 1874 and was called the Anspaugh School, but later a brick took its place. District 11 was built on the Frederick farm in 1875, and was called "Hazel College" on account of the clearing of hazel bushes for its erection.

In speaking of log cabins, we locate them on nearly every farm of which we will mention a few:

One on John Call farm now owned by Ted Hile.
 One on Johnny Barhan farm now owned by J. McClure.
 One on the Stephen Barhan farm now owned by Reinsch.
 One on Wash Potts farm now owned by Allen Hoffman.
 Two on Ezra Skinner farm now owned by Geo. Hoffman.
 One for Ezra Skinner and
 One for his sister Mrs. Salida.
 Two on Beebart farm now owned by Howard Foster.
 One for Beebart and one for his sister
 Mrs. Aims.
 One on Dave Schall farm now owned by Swaverly.
 One on Tom Storey farm now owned by Ervin Gappinger.
 One double house on the Woodruff farm.
 Two double houses on Frederick farm for two brothers.
 One on Wm. Hayes farm now owned by Savoie.
 One on the Billy Inscho farm now owned by Joe Homsher.
 One on Stanfield Corbin farm now owned by Chas. Sieber.
 One on George Inscho farm now owned by Edd Zollman.
 One on McCormick farm now owned by Dilts.
 One on Seely farm now owned by Charles Seeley.
 One on W.L. Parker farm still owned by himself.
 One on Jonas Bortner farm now owned by Chet Keister.

This will end my subject but many more are in sight, but this will leave the subject now for criticism and discussion.

Julia Foote

March 21, 1933 (Printed in the April 5th, 1933, issue of the Albion New Era).

LEE CHAPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

1st Article in the Constitution and By Laws states

"This organization shall be known as the Gospel Temperance Society of LaOtto, Noble Co., Ind., Auxillary to the Congressional Union Temperance Society of Washington, Dist. of Columb.

Articles 2-3 and 4 treat of officers and their duties.

"Art. 5. "It shall be the duty of the committee of Vigilants to pursue order at all meetings of the society, to call extra meetings when necessary and with the consent of the society to employ lecturers, to inquire into the report to the proper authorities all persons who may violate the laws regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquars and to employ counsel for the prosecution of offenders."

"Minutes of the first temperance society of Swan, Noble County, Indiana, Auxilery to the Congressional union temperance Society of Washington, Dist. of Columbia.

Lee Chapel, Feb. 22, 1870.

According to previous arrangements a meeting was held at this place. Lewis Holbrook was elected Chairman and E.S. Hanson, Secy. of said meeting. On motion it was voted that the name of this organization should be "The First Union Temperance Society of Swan Auxillary to the National Congressional temperance society. In motion it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws. The following committee was appointed: John Drake, Wm. Gorrell, E.S. Hanson. On motion the meeting was adjourned until evening.

E.S. Hanson, Sec.

"Lee Chapel, May 21, 1870.

A temerary secretary was elected, namely Benj. Simon, until a permanent one should be elected. Officers elected were John Drake, President. John Hogue, Vice Pres. B.F. Simon, Sec., E.S. Hanson, Treas. The three on the Vigilance Com. were John Hogue, A. Hanson, R.W. Drake.

Then there was singing, then some very interesting remarks by Mr. Harland from Hunter-town, a few remarks by Mr. Parker followed by Mr. Morris and John Hogue.

June 5, 1870

At this meeting they listened to remarks by Prof. Stroub. Motion was carried to have a temperance picnic at this place on the fourth of July. Committee of arrangements: E.S. Hanson, Jacob Shons, S. Bassett, C.R. Reed, B. Simon, Mrs. Holbrook, Miss Marthy Hodbrook, Mrs. Bassett, Miss Mary Hogue, Mrs. Goerill.

B.F. Simon, Sec.

Lee Chapel, Oct. 9, 1870.

Society met as usual and opened by singing by Prof. S.S. Strab. Remarks were made by Long and

W. Griswold. Singing by the Choir. Remarks by Martin J. Griswold. Moved and seconded to thank our Auburn friends for their remarks etc.

Martha Simon, Sec.

May 28, 1871 Lee Chapel

Reelection of officers. Pres David Simon, Vice Pres. John Hogue, Sec. A.E. Hanson, Treas. S. Bassett. Committee of Vigilants: J. Hogue, J. Drake, R. L. Holbrook, A motion was made and sustained that petition to the Commissioner of DeKalb Co., to prohibit the sale of Liquar License in the Co. carried.

Aug. 4, 1871. Lee Chapel

Speeches by Louis Holbrook, J. Drake, James Griswold, R.W. Drake, E.S. Hanson, Mr. Gorrell, L.P. Holbrook, Martin H. Griswold, W.W. Griswold and Jno. Hogue.

Ellen C. Hogue, Sec. Pro. Tem.

Aug. 13th 1871. Lee Chapel

Society addressed by Rev. Teter.

Sept. 24, 1871. Lee Chapel

After a song by Society, Mr. Leiter was called out who responded by urging the importance of work in the temperance cause. The committee appointed to confer with Hopewell church society reported that they were desirous of organizing a temperance society at that point. The meeting then adjourned to meet at Hopewell church on the 22nd day of October at Hopewell church on the 22nd day of October at 6 1/2 o'clock.

R.W. Drake, Sec.Pro.Tem.

In 1871 Esther Simon was secretary at one meeting remarks were made by R.W. Drake, J. Hogue, W.M. Gorrell, J. Drake, Mr. D. Bowers and C. Lighter.

November 12, 1871.

Election of Officers for six months

Mr. John Drake, Pres. Mr. C. Liter, Vice. Pres.

Mr. John Hohue, Treas. and Miss Esther Simon, Sec.
David Simon, R.E. Drake and Oliver Simon, Committee
of Vigilants. R.W. Drake and Ellen Hogue to be
editors of the paper.

Just here and without date was the pledge and a
list of the signers.

"We the undersigned in view of the desolating
influence of intemperance in our land,
mutually and sacredly God helping us, pledge
ourselves to wholly abstain from all
intoxicating drinks as a beverage and
discountenance its use by others.

Signed

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| 1. Lewis Holbrook | 30. Susan Drake |
| 2. John N. Bradley | 31. Martha Simon |
| 3. John Hogue | 32. Esther Simon |
| 4. E.S. Hanson | 33. Theodore Warner |
| 5. Albertus Hanson | 34. Annie Cool |
| 6. Oliver Simon | 35. Nancy Warner |
| 7. Frank Drake | 36. Cordie Holbrook |
| 8. James Hogue | 37. Carrie Drake |
| 9. Harvey Clark | 38. Olive Grim----- |
| 10. Albert Hogue | 39. R.W. Drake |
| 11. Henry Smith | 40. Lyman Holbrook |
| 12. John Hogue | 41. Benjamin F. Simon |
| 13. Geo. W. Beaber | 42. Fremont Hogue |
| 14. C.W. Zimmerman | 43. Samuel Bricker |
| 15. H.C. West | 44. Ellen Simon |
| 16. Vernim Potter | 45. Rose Gorrell |
| 17. Charles Bruce | 46. Josaphine Gorrell |
| 18. Richard Dudley | 47. Simon Straub |
| 19. Perry Bradley | 48. Adelia Straub |
| 20. Eddie Bruce | 49. Marilla Reed |
| 21. Ellen Hogue | 50. David Beaber |
| 22. Jacob Shouse | 51. L.P. Holbrook |
| 23. S.Y. Barringer | 52. C. Marshall |
| 24. M. Atwell | 53. William Gorrell |
| 25. Frank Hogue | 54. Eva Bricker |
| 26. Cornelia Hogue | 55. Ellen Potter |
| 27. Loretta Holbrook | 56. Cha's Reed |
| 28. Martha Holbrook | 57. Emma West |
| 29. Mary Hogue | 58. Lucy M. Simon |

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| 59 | May P. Reed | 101 | Irena Parrish |
| 60 | Jane Weller | 102 | Ida Parrish |
| 61 | Samuel Potter | 103 | Alice Dudley |
| 62 | Lodema Ervin | 104 | Martha Weigl |
| 63 | Mrs. McCartney | 105 | Louisia Weigl |
| 64 | S.S. Bassett | 106 | Henry Baber |
| 65 | Jennett S. Beatte | 107 | Charles Weller |
| 66 | Jennie A. Hamelton | 108 | Simon Baber |
| 67 | Ella Warner | 109 | W. Cluff |
| 68 | Elmira Warner | 110 | Aron Gloith |
| 69 | Isabel Jones | 111 | T.G. Ban Deeson |
| 70 | Mary Beard | 112 | W.F. Long |
| 71 | C.E. Dunton | 113 | Thomas Smith |
| 72 | Hattie B. Bassett | 114 | A. J. Smith |
| 73 | Jennie Colors | 115 | Joseph Whetsel |
| 74 | Maggie Bradley | 116 | Rosa L. Holbrook |
| 75 | Etta Cramer | 117 | Dr. G.M. Ellis |
| 76 | Eugene Baker | 118 | Sadie Colors |
| 77 | Wallace Bruce | 119 | Eugene Bradley |
| 78 | John Miller | 120 | John Buchan |
| 79 | Willie Potter | 121 | Milan Cramer |
| 80 | Betsey Ann Holbrook | 122 | Beally Broughton |
| 81 | Irene S. Dehoff | 123 | B.W. Potter |
| 82 | Alice H. Dehoff | 124 | Isaiah Timmerman |
| 83 | Josephine Bruce | 125 | N.O. Drake |
| 84 | Ollie Simon | 126 | Lizzie Ditmar |
| 85 | Pollie Miller | 127 | Mary Gorrell |
| 86 | Rebecca Miller | 128 | Clara Whitford |
| 87 | Sarah Hilkert | 129 | Hattie Marshall |
| 88 | Cha's Graham | 130 | H.E. Sowers |
| 89 | James Graham | 131 | Anna Claerk |
| 90 | Sarah A. Potter | 132 | Retta Potter |
| 91 | W. Griswold | 133 | Sarah Liter |
| 92 | James Griswold | 134 | Jennie Smith |
| 93 | David Simon | 135 | Franklin Barnes |
| 94 | Frank Simon | 136 | Christian Liter |
| 95 | Wellington Martin | 137 | J.D. Pray |
| 96 | Abigail Simon | 138 | Mary Zern |
| 97 | Cornelia Simon | 139 | John Gorrell |
| 98 | -----Simon | 140 | Mrs. H.C. Kinzie |
| 99 | Sarah Bruce | 141 | Mrs. H.C. Kinzie |
| 100 | Stephen Parrish | 141 | Ella S. Smith |
| | | 142 | H.C. Kinzie |

143 Jas. K. Ross	170 C.P. Ogden
144 E.B. Wigent	171 C. Shouse
145 Moses Simon	172 M. Hines
146 Abagal Simon	173 A.J. Smith
147 Mary Simon	174 John Zinn
148 Lavina Ross	175 Charlie Simon
149 Samuel Hawver	176 Mary B. Beymer
150 Wm. Zern	177 Sadie Smith
151 Jonus Simon	178 W.C. Smith
152 E.D. Moore	179 Mrs. Pulber
153 John Grim	180 Ida Pulver
154 Samuel Broughton	181 Louisa Sowers
155 C.W. Smith	182 Ella Hanson
156 E.B. Potter	183 Mary Rase
157 D. Strouse	184 Lettie Rease
158 Geneva Bradley	185 Katie Sowers
159 Mary Ann Shingle	186 Emma Hippenhammer
160 Cathrin Bradley	187 Romanza Beard
161 Laura Borland	188 May Baker
162 Rebecca Simon	189 Mrs. Smothers
163 L.M. Basset	190 W.H. Zern
164 Jennie Dudley	191 F.G. Moor
165 Rebecca Hanson	192 Franklin Rosenberger
166 J.W. Amonds	193 Silas Simon
167 George Harvy	194 Nancy Albertson
168 A.J. Hiatt	195 Hiram Gorrell
169 J. Sowers	

At a meeting on Sept. 1, 1872 a committee consisting of Lewis Holbrook, Wm. Gorrell, R.W. Drake appointed to draw up a petition to the Legislature calling upon them to pass a law restricting the liquor traffic. This committee consisted of Lewis Holbrook, Wm. Gorrell, R.W. Drake.

A committee was also appointed to wait upon the Proprietor of a certain Drug Store, to consist of J. Drake, Wm. Gorrell, Lewis Holbrook, E.S. Hanson and David Simon.

Ellen C. Hogue, Sec.

In 1873 David Simon was Secretary.

In 1874 John Ross was Secretary.

Feb. 14, 1875 the society was addressed by Prof. W.S. Gandy of Churubusco. He "delivered a flourshing speech which was highly appreciated."

June 6, 1875. Election of Officers as follows:

Pres. H.C. Kinzie
Vice Pres. Solomon Whonsettler
Sec. Josie Gorrell
Treas. Jonas Simon.

Aug. 28, 1875

Among other thing brought up at this meeting were a set of resolutions were presented. "Whereas we learn that it is the purpose of Frederick Shoemaker to engage in the sale of intoxicating liquors in this place.

1st Resolved by the citizens of LaOtto and the surrounding community in mass meeting assembled that we will be every laudable means in our power labor to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in this place as a beverage. A set of 4 resolutions submitted and a motion called for the publishing of the proceedings of this meeting in the newspapers of the county.

August 22, 1875

"A committee of Lady's were appointed to see and talk to Frederick Shoemaker to reform him from selling liquor in LaOtto, consisting of Mrs. Loretta Holbrook, Lucy Simon, Mrs. Smurr, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Kinsie, Mrs. Zern, Mrs. Stultz, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Rose Gorrell, Mrs. Rebecca Simon, Ella Hogue, Josie Gorrell."

November 21, 1875. "The committee of Lady's appointed at the previous meeting were not ready to report and they were appointed a standing committee to report at the next meeting."

January 8, 1876

Election of officers as follows

Pres. John Drake
 Vice Pres. W. Martin
 Secretary Mrs. H. Kinsey
 Treasurer David Simon

Vigilance Committee, H. Kinsey, John Smurr, J. Hogue,
 L. Holbrook and John Drake.

LaOtto, Ind. Feb. 5, 1876

Among other things on the program was a song
 by Misses Josie Gorrell and Esther Simon, J. & W.
 Gorrell. Mr. Evans of Albion, Ind., delivered a
 very able and interesting address.

Mrs. H.C. Kinzie, Sec.

May 14, 1876

Speeches by Rev. Mr. Cole of Columbia City,
 also Rev. B.F. Stults of Albion, Ind.

May 28, 1876

Last meeting reported until Aug. 4, 1878 when
 object of meeting was stated. Remarks were
 favorable to the reorganization of the society.

Aug. 24, 1878.

Election of officers:
 H.C. Kenzie, Pres.
 David Simon, Vice Pres.
 John Gorrell, Sec.
 John Hogue, Se. Treas.

Jan. 17, 1880

A committee of three to draft resolutions and
 by laws: Dr. Bowker, John Miller; & H.C. Kinzie.

LaOtto, Feb. 25, 1880.

Name changed to the LaOtta Christian Temperance
 Union.

Persons who signed the Pledge under this new
 reorganization were:

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| 1 | Lewis Holbrook | 31 | George Bilger |
| 2 | W.C. Smith | 32 | Elmer Stroub |
| 3 | John E. Pulver | 33 | Albert Glenn |
| 4 | John Dudley | 34 | Gery Wolford |
| 5 | Samuel Dudley | 35 | Win. Gorrell |
| 6 | A.C. Parrish | 36 | Wm. Potter |
| 7 | Albert Elmendorf | 37 | Isaiah Bricker |
| 8 | Martin Bilger | 38 | A.N. Thrush |
| 9 | David Simon | 39 | Rose Gorrell |
| 10 | James H. Kniss | 40 | Tilla Sands |
| 11 | Ella Hanson | 41 | Della Miller |
| 12 | Jennie Dudley | 42 | Emma Holbrook |
| 13 | Susanne Smith | 43 | Mary Holbrook |
| 14 | Gertrude Miller | 44 | Adelia Stroub |
| 15 | Lucy M. Simon | 45 | Elizabeth Bilger |
| 16 | John Miller | 46 | Luretta Holbrook |
| 17 | John Gorrell | 47 | Dr. Bowker |
| 18 | Jacob Simon | 48 | Minnie Stoner |
| 19 | H.C. Kinzie | 49 | Elma Zinn |
| 20 | Lee Holbrook | 50 | Andrew Bilger |
| 21 | F.S. Lejeune | 51 | John McKinon |
| 22 | Anson Preston | 52 | Hiram Gorrell |
| 23 | Alice Simon | 53 | Emit Ditmars |
| 24 | C.C. Miller | 54 | William Houser |
| 25 | Rebecca Miller | 55 | Minnie Stoner (this name |
| 26 | Louis Simon | 56 | Nellie Whitford erased) |
| 27 | Lydie Preston | 57 | Ellen Bridenstine |
| 28 | Mary Miller | 58 | Bertie Zimmerman |
| 29 | Barbary E. Bassett | 59 | Emma Zimmerman |
| 30 | H.J. Hyatt | 60 | Ida Zimmerman |
| | | | Bell Bonker |
| | | | J. Drake |

April 14, 1880

Among other business was the naming of delegates to a meeting at Kendallville "namely J. Miller, J. Drake, Win. Gorrell, Rev. Kenida & L. Holbrook."

"Election executive Committee, Namely: Wm. Gorrell, Rev. Kenida, L. Holbrook, Jacob Simon, M. Bilger."

LaOtta, April 21, 1880

Speech by Dr. Bouker. Subject "The action of alcohol upon the human system." Speech by R.W. Kenida. Subject, "The power of God in saving the drunkard." Speech by Rev. Duglis, subject, "His Experience."

May 5, 1880

At this meeting Dr. Sesua of Avilla was introduced and "gave quite an interesting lecture on the subject of temperance.

J.B. Gorrell, Sec.

May 12, 1880

Prayer by Rev. Duglis. Remarks by Dr. Dun in regard to appointing delegates to attend a meeting at Roam City.

Nov. 13, 1880

"Rev. Duglis of Columbia City was introduced and gave an interesting lecture on the subject of timperance."

Nov. 27, 1880

"Dr. Labarn of Ft. Wayne was introduced by the president and gave an interesting lecture on the subject of temperance."

Dec. 11, 1881

Dr. Labarn of Ft. Wayne gave another interesting lecture on the subject of temperence.

Feb. 9, 1881

"The Society proceeded to talk on the subject for which the meeting was called, namely to oppose the granting of license to William Rhods to sell intoxicating liquors in the town of LaOtta which question was discussed with eranstness showing a determination to prevent such a nuisance from entering our community."

Mrs. David Simon, Mrs. Marsh & Lewis Holbrook were appointed to circulate a remonstrance against a saloon being established in LaOtta.

Copy of the petition mentioned in the minutes bearing date Feb. 12, 1881, together with the names of persons signing the petition.

PETITION

To the Honorable Commissioners of the County of Noble and the State of Indiana.

Your petitioners, Citizens of the village of LaOtto and surrounding Country, respectfully ask your honorable body, not to grant license to William Rhodes, who will make application to you for same, to set up a saloon, and sell intoxicating liquors in said village.

Believing it to be ruinous to many of our now moral, religious and peaceful Citizens, for your honorable decision in our favor we earnestly pray.

Lewis Holbrook
John Miller
Martin Bilger
Winfield Gorrell
Jacob Simon
W.H. Zimmerman
E.S. Hanson
John B. Gorrell
James H. Kniss
Lafayette Hall
Alva Preston
Albert Hogue
George Bilger
H.C. Kinzy
Andrew Bilger
J.W. Ammon
Jesse Bilger
C.F. Hogue
S.W. Dudley
A.C. Parish
Elmer Stroub
John Drake
John Didley

H.J. Hyatte
James Hogue
J.J. Bonker
Lorretto Holbrook
Emiline Drake
Mary Miller
Mary Zinn
Jennie Hogue
Phebe Zimmerman
Emma Holbrook
Effa Miller
Joseph Dudley
Angie Dudley
Ida Zinn
Etta Upton
Mary Snyder
Mid Gorrell
H.C. Hanson
Ida Bassette
Albert Rosenberger
Minnie Stoner

Jennie Dudley
 Samuel Rosenberger
 E.V. Potter
 J.H. Prouty
 Gertrude Miller
 Rebecca Weller
 Marrella Marsh
 Rebecca Hanson
 Martha Kinzie
 Olive Hogue
 Ellen Hogue
 Ella

William Potter
 John Zinn
 Charley Dudley
 George Zinn
 Isaiah Bricker
 Richard Dudley
 John Hogue
 William Strouse
 Peter Zimmerman
 Anna Sowers

Feb. 16, 1881

Rev. Worth offered prayer.

Reading of a petition to William Rhodes requesting him to abandon his attempt to establish a saloon in LaOtto which petition was adopted by the society and circulated for signatures.

March 2, 1881

A letter from James Collins of Columbia City was read stating that he could not be present at the meeting of the commissioners to plead the petition presented by the people of LaOtto.

LaOtto, April 23, 1881

"Short speeches on the subject of temperance by several members of the Society, lightly touching the question of Women Suffrage.

May 7, 1881

Election's officers are as follows

Pres. Dr. Bowker, Vice Pres. James Hogue,
 2nd Vice Pres. Harve Kniss, 3rd Vice Pres. David
 Simon, Corresponding Sec. H.C. Kinzie, Recording
 Sec. Samuel Rosenberger, Treas. John Gorrell.
 Managers, John Drake, Wm. Gorrell, Lewis Holbrook,
 Henry Hyatte and John Miller

Sept. 2, 1881

Speech by Dr. Cessna of Avilla, Ind.

March 18, 1882

LaOtto Christian Temperance Union.

"Me. Cavanaugh of Ft. Wayne gave an interesting lecture upon Temperance."

Samuel Rosenberger
Sect.

This was the recorded minutes of this
Society in this book.

MERRIAM CHURCH HISTORY

Compiled by Miss Lura E. Ott, Albion, Ind.
R.F.D. 2, Box 93

A church record dating from February 27, 1853, to March, 1864 was given to Cynthia Swihart by Fern Nolt, daughter of Judd Smith, who was the son of Eli Smith. It was supposed to be an early record of the Merriam church, but on studying it we find it was not the Merriam church, but a church that was started in Green Township, in the Kepford school house. It was a Freewill Baptist Church organized February 27, 1853, but was called a Union Church.

The following is a copy of a letter received by that church. I copy: "This is to certify that Brother William Lamon is a member of the Christian Church near Wolf Lake, in good standing and full fellowship and as such we recommend him to the work and wherever his lot may be cast.

Done by order of the church, May 7th, 1859
James Cunningham, clerk

The same letter was written for Sister Mary Lamon on same date and signed by same clerk. James Cunningham was clerk of the Merriam Church.

Their business meetings were called covenant meetings; they appointed delegates to the quarterly meetings, and if any member did anything the church thought not right, they were "excluded" after being visited by a committee appointed by the church (if they did not change their way). (In the early record of the Merriam Church names were dropped for immoral conduct.)

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION OF
THE MERRIAM CHURCH GIVEN JUNE 6, 1943
AT THE CHURCH BY LURA E. OTT.

Merriam Christian Church was organized June 8th,
1843.

In the spring of 1843, David Winebrenner, father of Rev. Peter Winebrenner and uncle David Winebrenner who lived where Marion Smith now lives (The Wm. Smith home, section 24 SE qtr. Noble Township, Noble County, Indiana) rode horseback to Millersburg to make arrangements with Rev. Peter Banta to come to his home and hold a revival meeting, and the result of this meeting was the organizing of this church with twelve charter members who signed the following principle on June 8, 1843.

"We the undersigned agree to give ourselves to the Lord, to watch over each other in love and so fulfill the law of God, taking the Holy Scripture as our only rule of faith and practice, christian character the only test of fellowship"

Signed by:

David Winebrenner
Barbara Sanford Winebrenner - his wife
Peter Winebrenner, their 13-year old son
Elizabeth Sanford - wife of W. Sanford
John McMeans
Eliza Sanford McMeans
Mr. and Mrs. Hayes and their daughter (do
not know her name.)
Isabel Hayes
William Prickett
Hester Ann Boner

Eel River Conference was organized August 26, 1844, and our church was a charter member of the conference and was named the Christian Church near Wolf Lake. Conference has been held here 8 times.

9th annual session August, 1852, probably held in schoolhouse.

13th annual session, August, 1856
 19th annual session, August 1862) Four times
 27th annual session, August, 1870) in old church
 38th annual session, August, 1881) held in old church
 New church dedicated on Sunday.
 51st annual session, August, 1894
 62nd annual session, August, 1905
 73rd annual session, August, 1916 This was the last
 session held in a church before having the Conference
 at Winona.

At first church services were held in the schoolhouse
 and in the homes. There was no regular pastor. Sometimes
 there would be two men serving alternately at the same
 time. As near as I can find, they were Elders Banta, Greg-
 ory, Battersal, and Thomas, not regular pastors. Rev.
 Philip Zeigler was the first regular pastor to live here.
 He lived one-half mile west of the church where Jesse
 Thompson now lives, in a house that stood there at that
 time.

At the 10th session of Conference, 1853, Rev. Philip
 Zeigler was chosen Evangelist for the conference and at
 the next session he reported he had preached 212 sermons,
 traveled 2783 miles and received a salary of \$163.06.

Ten years later, December 12, 1853, arrangements were
 made to build a house of worship. This church was built
 and paid for before September, 1855, but have no record
 of the dedication. The church was to be called "Christian
 Chapel". It was built a few feet east of the present
 church, was 28 feet by 35 feet, 13 feet high with two
 doors in front, one on each side. The pulpit was built
 between the doors so the audience faced the doors. No
 need for looking around when someone came in late. It
 was a frame building with three windows on each side. It
 was on Section 23, SE quarter.

There was no center aisle. Just side aisles and the
 seats were divided in the middle, the men sitting on the

east side and the women on the west side, so when a young man brought his lady to church she came in alone and after some time he would come in and no one would know whom he had brought. Aunt Anna Hire said sometimes the girl would sit next to the dividing arm and if they worked it right the young man would get on the other side. They would not hold hands but it made them very happy to be that close together. At the close of the services in the evening, the young men would line up outside the door and the women's side and when their girl came along they would stick out their arm and the girl would take it and they would be gone.

This building was enlarged later but have no date for that.

Rev. Peter Winebrenner was the pastor who had the families sit together instead of the men on one side and the women on the other.

Church name: Christian Church
Near Wolf Lake, 1844
Services held in schoolhouse or homes.

When the first church was built 1853-1855 it was called Christian Chapel. On April 1, 1857, they changed the name to the First Christian Church. In the Sunday School record, I found it was called Christian Chapel until August 14, 1881 and from August 21, 1881, it was called Merriam Christian Chapel. Later they dropped the "chapel" and called it Merriam Christian Church. Since September, 1934, we are Congregational Christians and I am told we will soon be called the United Church of America, when the Congregational Christians unite with the Evangelical and Reform Churches.

Sunday School

We do not know when the Sunday School was first organized here, but in 1854 at the 11th session of the Eel River Conference, a resolution was passed urging each church to organize a Sunday School. When it was organized

here, they had Sunday School only three or four months in the summer time. Had no Sunday School literature, first used their Bibles. It was called the Bethany Sunday School in 1870. In 1873 they had Sunday School six months in the year and preaching twice a month. The pastor's salary was \$100.00 a year.

In 1887 they had Sunday School 12 months in the year. Sunday School picnics in the past were great days, held on Saturday inviting all the Sunday Schools within ten miles, all furnishing some part of the all day program. Our Sunday School banner which we still have, was embroidered by Minnie Stahl Coulter, the Sunday School furnishing the material.

Mission Society

In 1860 at the 17th session of Eel River Conference, the churches were urged to reform Mission Societies but do not know when it was organized here.

Christian Endeavor

We do not know when the Christian Endeavor was first organized here, but I found a record that in 1898 Maggie Kitt Stangland was president (She thinks she was corresponding secretary). Mrs. Gertrude Young Seymoure was president a year or so later.

Aid Society



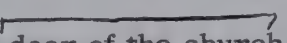
No record of when the Aid Society was organized but Eliza Treer was the first President and Alta Ott the first secretary.

In 1880 plans were made to build the brick building we now worship in. Rev. Peter Winebrenner was pastor. The building was completed and dedicated Sunday, August 21, 1881, by Rev. George Abbott.

Eel River Conference was in session here at that time, but the old church was used for conference. On Saturday

evening the crowd was so large they could not all get in the old church so part went into the new church and Rev. Samuell preached. This was the first sermon in the new church.

The seats and pulpit for the new church had not come so they were dedicated later. The church was lighted with kerosene lamps and heated with two stoves. Later the lamps were replaced by a gas plant, then a Delco plant. Now we have electric lights and a furnace in the place of stoves.

The first platform in the church was  and later changed to  Amen corner
Now it is  which is much better. The steps at the door of the church were in the form of a square with three steps all around. Now the platform is a large cement, half circle which is much better. As everyone drove horses in the past, there was a platform three steps high at each side of the church with lamp post at each platform, so as to make it easier to get in the high buggies and to be sure they were getting in with the right fellow.

When the new church was completed, Omar Kitt bought the frame church, used it for a barn. Part of it still stands. Moved it to his farm not far from the church. David Keister's funeral was the first held in the new brick church.

In 1895 or 1896 a parsonage was built one-fourth mile east of the church and Rev. Peter Winebrenner was the first pastor to live in it. Rev. R.W. Page was the second. The parsonage, in late years, has been remodeled and is now a beautiful modern home of eight rooms.

Deacons

David Winebrenner was the first deacon. He held this office until his death January 26, 1858, -- 15 years.

Abraham Ott was second deacon. He became a member in 1844 and held this office until his death, March 21, 1896 -- 52 years.

George Ott was chosen deacon in place of David Winebrenner and served until his death September 9, 1887.

Henry Rench, Wm. Ravelly, and Jess Lock became deacons after the death of George Ott.

Pastors

The pastors who have served this church are as listed immediately following:

Rev. Peter Banta - not a regular pastor
Rev. John Batteral - not a regular pastor
Rev. James Greagory - not a regular pastor
Elder Writtenhouse - preached sometimes but was not
a regular pastor - 1880.
Rev. Joseph Roberts - not a regular pastor
Rev. Philip Zigler - two periods - First pastor to
live here
Rev. Thomas Whitman - 1880
Rev. J.D. Coverstone
Rev. Peter Winebrenner
Rev. John W. Bolton - 1890-91
Rev. George Abbott
Rev. V.R. Miller
Rev. James Atchison) Bothe in 1893
Rev. V.R. Miller &)
Rev. D.S. Boswell) Both in 1894
Rev. D.S. Boxwell - 1895
Rev. David Hidy - 1896
Rev. R.W. Page - September 1, 1898 to September 1, 1901
Rev. Eli Spohn - 1901-1905
Rev. R.W. Page - 1905-1908
Rev. Ora Harris - 1908-1911
Rev. E.A. Bagby - 1911-1912
Rev. S.J. Hughs - 1912-1913

Rev. R.W. Page - 1913-1920 (14 years in all)
 Rev. J. Casper Orebaugh - 1920 - 1923
 Rev. M.M. Gressley - 1923-1927
 Rev. Joseph B. Fisher - 1927-1929
 Rev. Bert Alvin Page - 1929-1932. He died in the
 parsonage.
 Rev. Samuel Frantz - 1932-1935
 Rev. Carl Baldwin - 1935-1938
 Rev. John Hartman - October 2, 1938 - March 28, 1943.

Without a pastor from March 28, 1943, to September 5, 1943.

Rev. Franklin Orr - September 5, 1943.

Rev. Peter Winebrenner was pastor in the years 1873, 1874, 1877, 1880 to 1884, 1886 to 1887, 1888.

We feel this church has had an influence in helping the following to become christian workers:

Rev. Peter Winebrenner
 Rev. Florin Hawk
 Rev. Bert Page
 Rev. Virgil Harris
 Rev. Basil Harris
 Miss Mildred Shepherd - a Missionary to the boys and girls
 in Ozark Mts.

Those sleeping the sleep of the righteous in the Merriam Cemetery are:

Rev. Philip Zeigler, died August 1895
 Rev. Peter Winebrenner, died August 12, 1904
 Rev. Florin Hawk, killed March 9, 1918
 Rev. R.W. Page, died October 13, 1931
 Rev. Bert Page, died May 16, 1932

Program for the one hundredth anniversary of the Organizing of Merriam Church, Sunday, June 6, 1943.

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer", Lura E. Ott
 Doxology
 Prayer - Rev. Simon Bennett of Muncie, Indiana
 Offering - "The Green Cathedral".
 #25 - "Faith of Our Fathers".
 Scripture
 #23 - "Come Thou Almighty King".
 Prayer - Simon Bennett
 Special - Ruth and Lee Bittings "The Prodigal Son".
 Sermon - Rev. Bennett
 #193 - "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me."
 Benediction - Rev. Bennett.
 Closing Music - "God Bless America".

Basket Dinner at noon hour.

Afternoon program.

Prelude - "Vienese Refrain", Lura E. Ott.
 #262 - "Revive Us Again".
 Prayer - Rev. Virgil Harris.
 #240 - "We're Marching to Zion".
 #122 - "Stand Up For Jesus".
 Reading - "Amen Corner" - Frank Bittings
 Church History - Lura E. Ott.
 Reminiscences of Church and General Discussion
 Special - "The Church by the Side of the Road".
 Loena Surful and Elva Brown
 Aid Society - Ethel Gaff.
 Missionary Society - Mary Winebrenner.
 Short Talks by Alta Ott, Anna Hire, Amanda Ke-
 ford, Nora McDaniel, Adam Barcus, Churubusco,
 Indiana; Phiness Boyer, Fort Wayne, Indiana;
 Wilbur Smith, Rev. Joseph Fisher, Wakarusa,
 Indiana; Rev. Virgil Harris, Huntington, Indiana
 #224 - "Blest be the Tie".
 Benediction - Rev. Joseph Fisher
 Closing Music - "White Cliffs of Dover."

METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZATION at Rome City, Indiana

From Mr. M.F. Owen's Scrapbook

Rome City proper was on the Albion Circuit up to the year 1863, when was then made a part of the (then) newly organized "Wolcottville Circuit", which was then formed from the Lagrange Circuit, Tamarack, South Milford, Brushy Prairie Cahpel and East Springfield. And by taking from the Albion Circuit, Rome City and Brimfield and Wawaka. The Rev. Emanuel Hall was the first pastor, under Rev. W.S. Birch, as the first Presiding Elder. The services as far as can now be learned were held in "The Old Town Hall". The following roll will show the pastoral leaders of Rome City congregation

Rev. Emanuel Hall, 1863	Moffat H Smith 1891
Sylvanus Hover 1864	Theodore F. French 1892
David P. Hartman 1864-1866	Chas H Murray 1893
Ja. H. Hutchinson 1867-68	Leander E Knox 1894-95
Samuel C Miller 1871-1872	John T Fetro 1896-97
Elan S. Preston 1873	Eli B Weshaffer 1898-99
Emanuel Hall 1874-75	William R. Wones 1900-03
Wm Van Slyke 1876-78	George W. Bailor 1904-06
Chauncy King 1879-81	Howard D. Wright 1907
Newton W. Wray 1882-83	William M. Hollipeter 1908-10
Chas H. Wilkinson 1884-86	John F. Bailey 1911-12
L J Bicknall 1887-88	Ivan R. Goodwin 1913-14
Asher H. Preston 1889-90	J. Chas Woodruff 1915-16

In 1869 John W. Teal donated a church lot out of Teal' addition, Lot no. 48, just east of the old school house Grove, which placed the church entirely to the south of the then village. The church stood here until the summer of 1882, when a lot was purchased of Mrs. Dixon, on the northwest corner opposite the Public Square, it being 10t no. 44 Plat of Rome (Rome City)

In 1901 during Rev. W.R. Wones supervision the building was raised upon a higher wall, a basement excavated, a banqueting hall fitted up, kitchen, etc, a furnace installed,

and an acetelene lighting plant installed.

During the summer of 1914 electric lights were installed.

Among the charter members of the M.E. Organization at this place were Robert Moore, Elder Geo. Clock, Elder Groves, and others whose names are unavailable at present. Wm Hitchcock and wife were of the early membership, and the Warners.

Previous to 1874 and for a few years later, a Union Sunday School was maintained in the M.E. Church. Shortly after 1876, this Sunday School, up to the present time has been conducted exclusively as an M.E. Sunday School.

Quite a number of years ago, Brimfield was separated from this, the Wolcottville Circuit and returned to the Albion Circuit. In 1911 and for two or three years there after Brimfield was again placed on the Wolcottville Circuit until 1914, Brimfield was again placed at the Albion Circuit.

Kendallville Baptist Church

Sunday will be a happy day in the lives of the congregation of the First Baptist Church when a mortgage burying ceremony will take place during an afternoon meeting.

Dr. J.M. Horton, executive secretary of the State Baptist association will be the special speaker at the morning service. Appropriate exercises will be held in the afternoon following a basket dinner at noon.

Services will continue throughout the afternoon and during the evening a basket supper will be enjoyed by the congregation. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend.

The mortgage that has been a financial burden on the church congregation is the aftermath of an obligation assume about 30 years ago when Rev. H.S. Morrill, a travelling evangelist, took over the pastorate of the Church. He proved to be a human dynamo in the days of World War 1, speaking at Liberty Loan meetings and engaging in other wartime activities.

He was succeeded by Rev. T.A. Forget, who took over the laborious task of remodeling the church on the site corner East Mitchell and South Oak Streets in 1929. The church originally faced to the east on Oak Street.

When Rev. R.V. Finkbiner took over five years ago the church debt was some \$2,700, a note being executed to pay off long standing debts.

The Baptist church organization here is the oldest in Kendallville, being established in 1836 on the site of the present Catholic church.

The cornerstone for the present church was laid June 30, 1929, by Rev. T.A. Forget. He was assisted by Charles Pisel, W.H. Heign and Ona Odle.

The original church was acquired from the Methodist Protestant church in 1867. The little frame building was used until 1814, when plans were made for a new building. At that time it was decided the building should be set in the center of the new and larger foundation with two wings added, but due to a lack of finances the building was not moved until 1929.

The history of the Baptists has been one of a long series of struggles with periods of sunshine and many of storm and stress over a period of 100 years. Yet members of this denomination here have hope and faith of a still better tomorrow.

Albion New Era Dec. 15, 1897

Elder and Mrs. C.H. Blanchard

The Wolcottville Herald of last week gave a half-tone likeness of Elder and Mrs. C.H. Blanchard of that place, together with interesting biographies of this couple, and thinks it is doubtful if there is a minister in northern Indiana who has officiated at more marriages ceremonies or preached more funerals. Among other things it says:

The entire number of funerals attended by Elder Blanchard, kept by account, was 1,145, and this required the traversing of 12,275 miles. To attend these, trips of over fifty miles were made on horseback. The number of miles traveled in attending weddings were quite meager as many came to his home to be clasped in the bonds of matrimony. He has had the pleasure of uniting 455 couples. Not only has he married many who have honored themselves as tillers of the soil, but in all pursuits as well. The following are found among the number mentioned by him: Doctors, Lemmon, Harkins and Clarke, Albion, bankers, Chas. and Frank Clapp, Albion. Judge Clapp known all over the state; also Judge Tousley, no less eminent as a lawyer; and the late Byron Woods, D.D. of Philadelphia.

Elder Blanchard was licensed to preach March 15, 1841, and was ordained to preach the gospel in 1845 - the years of his ministry now covering a lapse of 56 years.

Elder and Mrs. Blanchard were residents of Albion many years ago and only a few weeks ago visited their many friends here and the above will be of interest to many New Era readers.

Attended First Dedication of
Methodist Church, 1873

Mesdames Charles H. Farrell, of Kalamazoo, Mich; W.A. Glatte, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Bertha Glatte Fischel, of Chicago, spent the weekend with Miss Mildred Baker, Orchard street.

The ladies were here to attend the re-dedicatory service of the First Methodist Church. The latter, Mrs. Fischel, attended the first dedication of the church 1873. She was then a girl, 11 years old and recalled how the church doors had been locked and no one was permitted to leave. The service was not concluded until 3 P.M. and she said she was almost starved.

History of Wolcottville Methodism

1916

(By the late J. C. Scheffler)

Wolcottville Circuit was effected in 1863 by taking from LaGrange Circuit Wolcottville, Tamarack, South Milford, Brushy Chapel and East Springfield, and by taking from Albion Circuit Rome City, Brimfield and Wawaka. The Rev. Emanuel Hall was the first pastor, and Rev. W. S. Birch, the first presiding Elder. There were twelve members in the Wolcottville Class at this early day,

Galen Blodgett having the distinction of being the only male member of the group. Susan Griggs, who was then superintendent of the Wolcottville Seminary, then quite a flourishing educational institution, was Steward, Class Leader and Sunday School Superintendent.

The Seminary building was then used as a place of worship on Sundays. The Rev. Mr. Hall had the supervision of the erection of the present Church building during the first year of his second pastorate, 1874.

The following roll will show the pastoral leaders of this congregation in holy things.

Emanuel Hall 1863; Sylvanus Hoover to July 13, 1864; David P. Hartman, July 1864-1866; Jas. H Hutchinson, 1867-70; Samuel C. Miller, 1871-2; Elan S Preston, 1873; Emanuel Hall, 1874-5; William M VanSlyke, 1876-8; Chauncy King 1879-81; Newton W Wray, 1882-3; Chas H Wilkinson, 1884-6; L J Bicknell, 1887-8; Asher S. Preston, 1889-90; Moffat H Smith, 1891; Theodore F French, 1892; Chas H Murray, 1893; Leander E Knox, 1894-5; John T Fettro, 1896-7; Eli B Westhafer, 1898-9; William R. Wones, 1900-2; Geo W. Bailor, 1904-6; Howard D. Wright, 1907; William M Hollopeter, 1908-10; John F Bailey, 1911-12; Ivan R Godwin, 1913-14; J Chas Woodruff, 1915; Wm Daly, 1916-20; John Stelle, 1920-21; J. W. Gruber, 1921; H. Wright, 1922-23; J.O. Hochstedler 1924-26; T. Mott, 1926-29; F. Wilde, 1930-36; H. Miller 1937-38; R.W. Blanchard, 1938-?

The Class Leaders have been Miss Susan Griggs, Mr. Galen Blodgette, Mr. W.H. Buoy, O.A. Lampman and J.H. Derbyshire. Mr. Bouy made the office of Class Leader one

of distinction for a long period of years.

The Sunday School of this Church was organized in the spring of 1852. Miss Susan Griggs was Superintendent for thirteen years and was a teacher for seventeen years. The following persons have been successively in the office of Superintendent since Miss Griggs' administration: A.J. Cutler, O.B. Taylor, C.R. Moon, O.L. Woodruff, H.C. Brown, Miss Dora Yeager, J.C. Scheffler, O.E. Shuman and J.A. Crone.

Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Thursday evening, Oct. 14, 1946 the trustees of the Hopewell Presbyterian church in Swan Township, Noble Co., Howard Renkenberger, Arthur Scheurich, Jas. Cramer was presented with a deed of Hopewell school property at a meeting in the recently remodeled school building.

Jonas Strouss and his wife Anna McCartney Strouss moved from Beaver Co., Pennsylvania in October 1836 and settled on a 240 acre farm in the northwest corner of Swan township. Church services were held in homes and church near Swan and Avilla, Ind. members voted 1857 and Strousses deeded to the church and school property for the building and cemetery.

The timbers to build the buildings were taken from the land and many other pioneer families helped erect the buildings and paid for the furniture and other necessary equipment. The land and buildings were then deeded to the trustees of church and trustee of Swan township as long as they were used for church purposes and in the case of the school property reverted back to the Strouss heirs. Porter Crowell drew up the necessary legal papers and over a period of three years the heirs of Jonas Strouss signed the deed and the occasion Thursday evening featured the presentation of the deed to the trustees and the dedication services. Jonas Strouss was born in 1790 and died 1890 - 3 days over 100 years old. His son, Robert, was the 1st white child born in Swan township.

Mrs. Mary McKee acted as chairman of the meeting and executed the deed for the trustees. Walter D. Crothers presented the deed for the Strouss heirs. There were 18 direct descendants of the Jonas Strouss heirs present.

Forrest DeHoff arranges and conducted the music for the occasion and Rev. Berger of the church carried out the dedication sermon. The ladies of the church served a bounteous meal to all present. The building will be known as the Hopewell Fellowship Hall and used to promote Christian citizenship to teach this generation and coming generations how to apply the principles of Jesus in government, business and society in their daily conduct.

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

My first recollection of Mt. Pleasant was the sound of the bell. When I was a small child, I lived with my parents on a farm, two miles east of the Mt. Pleasant Church. Every Sabbath morning at nine o'clock the church bell would say, "Come to church, come to church!" Thus, it called the people who lived in the community to the early morning worship.

Another time the bell was used was when some soul passed away. The evening before the funeral the bell started tolling. It tolled a few minutes before tolling the age of the one who went to the Glory Land, followed by tolling the hour of the funeral which would be held the next day. This informed the community that some person would be buried in the Mt. Pleasant Church yard the following day.

Of the first church and cemetery I know very little. I remember only a few things my father told me. The church was organized by the Rev. Seided on April 8, 1848 by six charter members. It was located about 1/4 mile east of the first four corners north of the present site of the Mt. Pleasant Church and cemetery where the Roy Potter buildings now stand.

The body of my grandmother was one of the bodies removed from the old cemetery to the new one. There were about twenty bodies moved.

EARLY SETTLERS WHO ATTENDED SERVICES:

Every Sunday morning, rain or shine, we would see John Crone Sr. and his wife go by with their horse and buggy on their way to church. They were faithful members, and made many donations.

Next was Nancy Graham who was always found in church. I can still close my eyes, and hear her sing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll be There." I always felt sure that when the Lord called His roll, she was there.

James McKee and wife were always faithful attendants along with his mother, Mrs. Wm. McKee and daughter, Mary. Other attendants were Miss Ellen Pepple, Mrs. Emma Foster Mr. Christopher Stout and wife, Susanna, their children, Oliver, Hube Phedelia, Salina, Mina and William.

Mr. Henry Waltman and wife, Susanna, were also very faithful. They never missed a service and gave many donations. Mr. Waltman was always ready, when money was needed, to say "I'll give another hundred dollars."

Rev. Waltman and wife were always ready to help out. Rev. Waltman officiated at many occasions such as funerals, weddings, and prayer meetings.

Robert Haliferty and family were a very devoted family of six and all held many offices in the church.

Other families who attended were: Michael Kiser and wife who donated the beautiful middle window on the south side of the church. Their family pew was by that window. Samuel Yiser and family, Mary Kathrine Barhan and daughter-in-law, Dora Barhan, Cyrus Wible, wife and two sons, Mrs. Abner Finley and sons, James and Howard, Mr. and Mrs. John Finley.

Mrs. Abner Finley at one time taught the Primary Sunday School class. She used such literature as the "Lutheran Little Ones". She was my first Sunday School Teacher.

Mrs. Lydia Moree always sat in the same seat each Sunday and listened very attentively to the minister's sermons.

George Penn and family were always present at services.

Mr. Penn was at one time Sunday School Superintendent and all his family held offices. Many others attended whom I do not recall.

FIRST MINISTERS:

The first minister I recall was the Rev. J.N. Barnett. He must have been a very likeable man for so many people well of him.

One I remember very well was the Rev. Erick. He was a big man with a deep voice. Everyone respected him. When the boys who sat on the back seat failed to pay attention to the service, he would very politely walk to the back seat take the boys by the back of the collar and show them the way out. All would then be quiet.

Another early minister I recall was the Rev. O.W. Bowen. Rev. Reese was in charge when we moved to the community in 1896. I remember very well when he and Mrs. Reese came to our house one afternoon when it was raining. He unhitched his horse and put it in the barn, preparing to stay for an evening church service. Mother and father went to Kendallville that afternoon in the wagon. We knew they would be

gone all afternoon. That meant that we (four little girls all under twelve years) would need to prepare supper for company, which we did. If I remember right, Rev. Reese was the pastor who died while he was in charge.

Rev. Walter Oberholtzer and wife were an attractive little couple and were with us for a while.

Rev. Harry Kilckner came to us as a bachelor. He was a graduate from the Gettysburg Seminary and was born in Gettysburg. He served as pastor several years. Later in years he came back to us as our pastor the second time. This time he brought a wife along. A son, Luther, was born while they lived in Albion.

Rev. Little and Rev. Summers also served as pastors for a short time.

Rev. M.R. Mohler, his wife and two daughters, served us a few years. Rev. Mohler had a wonderful voice and taught us many new hymns. It was during his pastorate, the church was remodeled. The walls were refrescoed, new carpets added, the floors painted, a basement dug, and a new furnace added. This made us raise our Ladies Aid dues from ten cents a month to twenty cents a month.

We all enjoyed the Rev. A.E. Gaff, who was a Civil War Veteran. He was a jovial man and when asked what college he was from, he would always answer, "Brush College." His wife taught him English.

Here we have another Gettysburg man, the Rev. Charles Bream. He too, came to us as a bachelor. He came to us directly from college. Later he was installed as pastor. He went back to Gettysburg for a visit and came back to us with a bride. At this time the parsonage at Albion was bought. Two sons were born while they were in Albion, Grey and Howard.

The Rev. H.N. Thompson with Mrs. Thompson and her mother, Mrs. Tripp, came to serve us for a while. They made a very likeable trio.

Next was Pastor Fabianski, who preached for a short time. He went from our church to Chicago where he changed his name from Fabianski to Fabian.

Next came the Rev. and Mrs. Kunkle. Mr. Kunkle suffered a lot of sickness while here. For a while he served five churches -- Butler, LaOtto, Rehoboth, Albion, and

Mt. Pleasant. A gift of a new Ford was presented the pastor by the churches. He died three years ago last January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendents, I remember:

George Penn, Hiram Rinkenburger, Mae Haliferty, Roy Wible, Roy Barhan, Martha Homsher, Paul Dove, Henry Pfafman, Melvin Treesh, Carol Friskney, Harold Huelsenbeck, Lawrence Truelove, Lawrence Uhl.

ORGANISTS, I remember:

Mattie Walters, Mae Rinkenburger, Mae Haliferty, Orpha Penn, Martha Black, Stella Gretsinger, Luella Burkirk, Orpha Smith, Chelsea Schmuck, Adelaide Stout, Bernice Faux, Carol Pfafman, Dorothy Jarrett, and D'Maris Uhl.

Ladies Aid:

The Ladies Aid was organized under Mrs. Mohler. Mae Haliferty was the first president and wrote the constitution. The church was remodeled under the Rev. Mohler.

One of our entertainments was "Children's Day". The proceeds were given to the Osterlain Orphans Home at Springfield, Ohio. Every Christmas we gave a wonderful program and always had a large tree and treated all the children. We also had singing school after which we would give a concert.

When in need of money we would give an ice-cream social. Also, chicken dinners and sale dinners.

THE CHURCH:

The early church was lit by hanging lamps. I recall the large hanging lamp which hung in the center of the church and carried four lamps. Our next lighting system consisted of six gasoline lamps which were always causing us trouble. Later, electricity was installed. Our early heating system consisted of two wood stoves. One on each side of the church in the center. Robert Haliferty was janitor, without pay, and we were never cold. For fuel we always had plenty of wood. Some member of the church or friend would donate a few trees. The men would gather early with their saws, axes and bobsleds, cut the wood, haul and pile it up in the

church yard. Thus our year's supply of wood was taken care of. The ladies never forgot the men. They always followed with well filled dinner baskets.

New Members: New members were added to our church membership list by several meetings which would continue two or three weeks. An invitation through the song "Jesus is Tenderly Calling Come Home" was sung. A few would respond to invitations and come forward and be baptised and add their names to the membership list. We now find a much better way to add church members by teaching the applicant the Lutheran Catechism, which teaches what the church is and what it means, and by teaching them what is expected of them.

On two different occasions lightning struck the spire of the church. That is why the beautiful spire no longer points heavenward.

In 1926 we built a new cement porch and steps to our church. One evening the door was left unlocked. During the early evening a thief entered the church and stole a 10 x 12 pulpit rug which was never returned. At another time the Ladies Aid paid for having a slate roof put on the church.

PAYING TRIBUTE:

Here is to one who I think we should pay a high respect. One whom was always found in Sunday School. One whom never missed Sunday School because of rain or company. One who was always ready to hold any office given her. One who served as our Sunday School superintendent a number of years. Also served as our organist and chairman on all committees. One who always had time to teach Catechism in the absence of the pastor. One who was always interested in the young people and always praying for them when they were absent for reasons she knew not why. I know she would rejoice if she could see this group of young people we have today. I consider them an answer to her prayer. I always felt that in our church we ever had a saint-- it was she. One who always ended her prayers by saying, "Pray for me, that I may always be found faithful."-- Mae Halferty Tryon.

By: Martha Black Homsher

REV. B. SHAEFER

In writing out a biography of this truly great man suitable for our Journal I find it much less difficult to obtain material for an extended sketch than to determine what to select out of the abundance and so arrange and present it that it may be satisfactory to the reader and not trespass on the proper space limit.

Absalom B. Shaefer was born in Forest, Shenandoah Co. Va. Sept. 12, 1797. The community was composed largely of emigrants from german parts of Europe who adhered strongly to their religious customs and still more so to their language. Among them were Reformed, Dunkards and a large number of Lutherens. Of Methodism. (all who taught and professed experimental religion were called Methodists) little was known and all reports current concerning them were of most derogatory character.

As a boy, he remembered of hearing of some germans in Pensylvania having gone to the "Methodists" but they were spoken of as "the worst & Lowest class" He was raised under the doctrine and influence of the Lutheran Church, receiving instruction in the german language and later somewhat in the English. From nine to fourteen years of age he received catechetical instruction and was then confirmed by Pastor Nicholas Schmucker and admitted to the communion with thirty six others. In later years he highly appreciated this instruction, reaping much benefit therefrom. Later in life he believed that if at the time of his confirmation he had been properly instructed his susceptible and tender heart would have been led to repentance and conversion, but, alas! while the law was preached, awakening and convicting, they were not taught how to come to Christ to obtain pardon and newness of life.

After his first admission to the communion he resolved to lead a christian life, tried to avoid

wicked associations and when he said or did that was wrong repented with bitter compunctions, but not being possessed of the grace of God in his heart, nor having the example of any better than himself, his tender feelings became blunted, he neglected prayer, his heart became hard and he was led into sin more and more.

In 1818 he was married to Elizabeth Zerkle, who became the mother of four sons and four daughters, of whom one son and three daughters at the time of this writing are yet living. Soon after his marriage he moved, with several other families, to the then new great west, reaching the point of their destination, Fairfield Co. O. Oct. 15, 1818. He hoped by this removal and separation from familiar associations he could lead a better life not realizing that he could not do this by his own strength.

He immediately began to inquire about churches and learned there was no lack of denominational representation as there were Methodists, United Brethren, 'Albrights' Baptists Lutherans and others. In a few weeks he attended a Lutheran service where he made himself known as belonging to that confession, and although he had long cared little for religious interests yet in this community of strangers he rejoiced to find a religious society he could call his own.

He regarded the minister Rev. J.M. Steck, an eloquent man and many believed him a converted man. In a short time he was, much to his aversion, feeling his unworthiness, persuaded to accept the office of deacon. This position became very burdensome to him but he continued in it four years when he resigned. Meanwhile he became quite extensively acquainted and was entrusted with a number of minor offices. Thus his natural inclinations to vain and sinful pleasures were encouraged and the society into which he was brought caused him to become wholly indifferent about God and religion and carnal security possessed him as darkness envelopes the night.

In this state he continued until the summer of 1829, when having an appointment on the Ohio canal, then being opened, he fell in with some Pennsylvania germans at the place he was working. It chanced toward the close of his stay there that an Evangelical minister, named Geo. Schneider was sent from the east to Lancaster circuit O., coming to visit a relative in that community where G. was. He sent an appointment to preach at a school house on a Saturday afternoon. The day previous to the appointment this relative of Schneider came to Shaefer and invited him to come to the preaching service and bring as many of his company as he could. To please the man S. promised to do so, but when the time came only one other consented to go, and while this one took a main road toward the place of service, S. took a nearer and more secluded way. As he went he began to reflect on his past sinful life and a hope was awakened within him that he might yet amend. He resolved that if he could convince himself that this minister was a man of God he would abserve all that he said and thenceforth lead a netter life. When he had gotten within a few hundred steps of the school house he discovered the man in a fallen tree top, on his knees praying, and the first he saw were the tears coursing down his cheeks. S. passed quietly round the tree top to the school house and his feelings were indescribable and he was now fully convinced that this was a man of God." (It may be proper to notice here as a co-incidence, that a man with the same surname, though no relative, and who died a few years ago in G.B. after long service in the church, was similarly affected by coming upon Shaefer unawares while kneeling in the deep snow by a tree. . This was 1838-9)

Arriving at the school house there were only a very few persons there and S. thought so good a man certainly was worthy of a better congregation and made the suggestion that the service be deferred till evening and an effort be made to secure a larger hearing. This was agreed to and S. and others started out in various directions and by night had nearly a house full.

While he was thus circulating the appointment the man's tears were constantly preaching to him. The man announced his text from Acts 3. 19-20. In the first part of the discourse he portrayed man in his sinful state which S. regarded so completely applicable to himself that he exclaimed "I am the man" and felt that if he himself were to write out his discourse of life he could not do it more accurately. There rushed before his mind his many sins, his ungodly life, not yet known in the community, the man's tears till he was constrained to weep. He felt that this was a messenger of God to him. In the second part of the discourse Shaefer learned what true repentance means and under the third he formed a more fixed resolution that if there were yet mercy for him he would seek it.

At the close the minister having seen his affected condition invited him to a service the next day six miles distant. To this service he went, and arriving somewhat late and the house being well filled he could see no seat. The minister seeing his dilemma motioned him to a seat in front. Being known in this vicinity "as a great sinner" all eyes were fixed upon him. The text was Jno. 8. 12. He was again affected to weeping but a hope for salvation was again inspired. This was in June 1829.

Soon after this his work on the canal at this place being finished he went eight miles farther. His company was very wicked and he himself being naturally inclined to dissipation he had many severe conflicts with himself. He often went to God in seclusion but tried to keep his convictions and feelings hidden from men: Neither was his penitence right, it savored too much of legality. It seemed to him he must pray as long as he had sinned. He had no one to whom he could go for counsel and prayer sometimes became burdensome. He believed to the end of life that he would never have attained to conversion had not God in a strange and forcible way delivered him from his unfavorable surroundings, and evil associations.

One rainy day toward evening he went to a village a few miles distant on some business. Starting to return, it being extremely dark, he thought he could better make his way along the line of the new canal than by following the narrow wagon road. But a high hill having been cut down, by another company, of which he did not know he was suddenly precipitated about twenty feet over an embankment, where he lay unconscious until daylight the next morning. By this fall he was disabled to further work on the canal.

A few weeks later he was called upon by, and asked a school director to teach a district school to begin immediately. For this he felt himself able and soon began. His remarkable fall and this school engagement he ever regarded as the most fortunate events of his temporal career, a special interposition of Providence. By the first he was severed from his wicked associates and their baneful influence and by the second brought under good christian influence.

Two of the directors of his school were members of the Ev. Asso. One, who often proved a true friend to him and of whom he cherished precious memories through life was John Bright.

His recent experiences caused deep contrition and his sins rested heavily upon him and trying to hide his conviction augmented the burden. He however prayed much and read his bible diligently. On Sunday, Oct. 25, 1829 in the morning he read the 18 chapter of Ezekiel which awakened in him a strong hope that salvation was yet for him. He spent most of the day in the woods in prayer. On opening the meeting the minister said he had already preached twice that day and travelled far and since nearly all present were members of the church, he thought it best to hold a class meeting. This while agreeable to the others was distasteful to S. because till then he could see no benefit in such meetings and he was very anxious to hear preaching.

The minister after relating his experience which

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deeply affected S., called on several others. Their testimony so touched him that he wished if only opportunity were given him he would tell all how great a sinner he was and then to pray for him. Scarcely had this thought occurred when the minister turned to him with the words, "Friend Schaefer how is it with you." His answer was a loud cry and a stammering, "I am a great sinner; pray for me!" He fell on his knees and cried mightily to God for mercy. He never could tell what he prayed or how he felt while there on his knees, but he knew that the brethren and sisters prayed long and earnestly in his behalf "and blessed be God to hear their prayers" for after agonizing and striving about two hours God for Christ's sake spoke peace to his soul. His joy was inexpressible and he could hardly realize it possible that so great a sinner as he could be accepted of God, but he felt that "where sin abounded grace did much more abound."

The news that "ungodly Shaefer" was converted spread with telegraphic speed causing all manner of comment. Christians rejoiced yet with fears lest he would not "hold Out," others sneered and mocked. He had much opposition and persecution and great temptations but he prayed much and God sustained and strengthened him. It may be here remarked, once for all, that this experience especially characterized the first few years of his Christian career. He fully realized that "if he would live godly in Christ Jesus he must suffer persecution."

The next morning after his conversion he went to his school resolved to say nothing of what had transpired but his heart was so full of gladness that he could not refrain his lips but told the school all about it and that now as he was determined to lead a christian life he would also be a christian teacher and henceforth open and close school with prayer. This he did and held weekly evening prayer meetings in the school house and before his school closed he had

the joy of seeing most of his school converted. The patrons of the school mostly sustained him, but one man took his children out saying he sent them to learn to read and not to learn to pray."

One item I can hardly refrain from inserting here: The winter was noted for its abundant snow. Everywhere in the woods adjacent to the school house were knee marks in the snow, which was often a foot or more deep, where penitent and newly converted scholars knelt to pray-and he said, "during the hours of recess the voice of prayer could be heard in almost every part of the wood." What a contrast with many penitents and converts of today. Is it any wonder there is so much superficialty. Deeply penitent and soundly converted they were prepared to "go on to perfection" and did not need "a" second work" or "second blessing."

On his first return home after his conversion he told his wife of the change to which she replied indifferently "We will see." This he regarded as very reasonable on her part, in view of his past career. He determined to begin family worship and asked her if she were willing, to this she said, "Yes, as long as you live accordingly" This was more than he expected and her ready compliance caused him much joy. The same evening he reared a family altar which he maintained while he lived.

He did not unite with the church until about two months after his conversion, when an aged local preacher extended an opportunity to such as wished to unite. After other had been received Wolf spoke personally to Schaefer, asking him if he did not wish to unite? He replied, "Yes, if you deem me worthy to be a member among you I will, but if I find you are not sincere I will want to be released again and whenever you find me not upright tell me and you shall be rid of me." "On these conditions" he said long afterwards, "I joined the Ev. Assp and here I stand to this day."

In after life he believed it more judicious not to

be too hasty in receiving members into Church. As soon as he united with the church he took pains to inform himself on her disciplin and the more he studied it the more he admired and loved it. He always regarded the Disciplins as but little less important than the Bible for church members and all who would live a true christian life. Oh for more of that disposition today! His judgment merits note and his example is worthy of imitation.

His class leader, Henry Downey, was also a local preacher and had frequent Sunday appointments. At such times he would appoint some of the older members to hold his prayer meetings. After some time S. was also asked to lead one of these meetings, which, after much hesitancy he consented to do. When the time came he opened the meeting with singing and prayer after which he read a scripture lesson and attempted, as the custom then was, to give an exhortation, but an indescribable feeling overcame him and his exhortation was turned into loud praises to God. After this he was frequently asked to hold the prayer meetings.

About three months after his conversion S. was requested by Yambout the cir pr to go about seven miles and hold a prayer meeting at a private house Rausch where Downey had an appointment, while he, Downey, was required to go with Yambert to hold a "big meeting." Arriving at the place with an unconverted brotherinlaw, and telling the family why he came, they urged him to preach. This he first refused to do, but finally after much entreaty and the argument that nearly all present were unconverted people he consented and announced Rom 3, 8-9 as a text. He began with fear and trembling but soon he felt the presence of divine power and spoke with much liberty. The first of his preaching without authority (he himself did not as yet know that it was a violation of Discipline* was by some regarded as presumptuous, and preaches, when they heard of it were not well affected till they learned of the people at Rausch's that they were the cause by their insistency.

Bro. Yambert now made diligent inquiry of Shaefer as to his state of mind etc and S. frankly told him that he was convinced that God had something for him to do, but what he did not know, but for him, under his circumstances to out into the gospel fields was impossible and God would not call a man to impossibilities, but he was in the hands of God and the brethren. Thereupon Yambert drew up a recommendation which was signed by all the class, after which he was examined before conference by Joseph Long then P.E. of Ohio Dist. of the Western Conference and the following spring at the annual conference session, on May 3, 1830 he was licensed as a preacher on probation.

At this time he had undergone severe conflicts resulting from his long services of sin. He was poor, his family quite large, his wife and most of his relatives among whom he lived were yet unconverted, and these made him feel bitterly their spirit of opposition. He was largely dependent on wicked people for employment and help; But after the first year his surroundings became more favorable: His wife, a number of near relatives with some of their neighbors were converted and a glorious little class was organized of which he was appointed leader. The Lord blessed abundantly, temporally and spiritually. After his circumstances began to improve somewhat he sent out frequent appointments to preach and was often called to preach funerals. He also frequently filled appointments for the circuit preachers and several times went over one hundred miles to Miami circuit, spending each time over four weeks. He felt prompted and willing to enter the regular service but realized the hindrances too great, believing it were better to remain at home till God removed them than to start out prematurely and be necessitated to again retire.

After serving six years as local preacher he went with the brethren to annual con. He was earnestly entreated by the brethren to enter the active work. (The conference was held March 1836 in the house of Bro. Goodwin in Wayne Co. O. Here he was ordained a deacon.

He was earnestly entreated by the brethren to enter the active work and finally consented that he would try to arrange his affairs so that if after harvest time there was an opening for him he would undertake it. His health was good and the Lord prospered him in all his undertakings. After harvest he took his family and tented at a camp meeting held on the land of his old friend John Bright. Here his three oldest children were converted. At this meeting he was required to preach once. After his discourse his wife, who it seems had been till now disfavorable to his preaching, came to him and said, "Now you shall no longer be kept from the Gospel field by me for I am now fully convinced that you are called thereto and if a door opens to you enter." He gave his wife this testimony that from that time on, while she lived, she was never unwillingly that he should travel nor complained of having to stay alone with the family so much or in any way remonstrated.

About this time Danl Buckley P.E. received a letter from Jno. Lutz of the Miami circuit, asking for help. Buckley applied to S. respond to this call which he did, leaving home about the last of Sept. In company with P.E. he reached his field of labor after four days travel and met with his colleague, Bro. Lutz. On the 29 of Sept. 1836 in the 39th year of his life he entered upon his itinerant career. His feelings were inexpressable. Fears assailed him lest he had undertaken what he could not succeed in so late in life; That perhaps he would reduce his family to penury and he began to doubt his call to the itinerancy. After a qr. meeting held directly upon their arrival, he and Bro. Lutz arranged their appointments and he started out. The appointments were many and far apart and the roads sometimes almost impassable. We find however that large as was their field of labor S., as was characteristic of him all his life and in fact of nearly all the older preachers, was ever looking after and acquiring new appointments. We need more of that spirit today.

He met with his colleagues about once in two weeks when they would encourage each other by rehearsing their experiences & adventures. He soon learned that he could prosecute the work only with much prayer and implicit trust in God.

This term of five months was a good schooling for him. He learned many things unknown him before. When he returned home to his family he found them well and fully resigned to his absence which greatly encouraged him to arrange for another year. But he now lacked a horse inasmuch as the one he had till now used was needed at home by the family to make out a team to carry on the farm and he had no means to purchase another. In this emergency his old friend Br. Bright came to the rescue by offering him a horse and assuring him that as long as he was willing to serve on the gospel field he should not want for a horse until he himself were able to buy one. To this he again saw the hand of God and quite fully accepted the offer.

Attending the Conf. in the spring of 1837 he was appointed as preacher in charge to Crawford circuit with Peter Goetz as colleague. The work was very extensive but they as usual took up preaching places so that it took each man six weeks preaching daily to make a round. The roads were exceedingly bad, often only a bridle path indicated by "blazed" trees, and the streams were unbridged. They had little time for visiting and scarcely any for study except in the saddle. Their stopping places seldom afforded them opportunity for any privacy, as one room served for cooking, eating sleeping and worship. The forepart of the season was one of great trial, almost compelling them to leave the work because of the scarcity of bread stuffs and feed. Their horses had nothing but grass and but little time to feed on this, and became so poor as to be scarcely able to carry their masters. After a bounteous harvest, however, these discouragements were largely remedied and the work of the Lord began to prosper and an almost

universal spirit of revival awakened and a great ingathering of souls achieved. The work was extended so that the next year two "double Handed" circuits were formed. He visited his family several times during the year and found them well and prosperous which was a source of comfort and encouragement to him.

In the spring of 1838 he was appointed to Mansfield circuit with Henry Longbrake-Jos. Hummel as colleagues. In a short time their circuit was so enlarged that three men could not serve it adequately and the P.E. Baumgartner divided it into two, calling the east part Wayne circuit on which he placed Shaefer and Hummel while Jno R. Miller was called to assist Longbrake. After the lapse of about three months, however, Hummel returned home, became reprobate and was expelled. This left Shaefer alone with about twenty appointments which he, however, being healthy and strong & energetic was able to fill every two weeks till near conference time when Abe. Niebel son of Pioneer H. Niebel was sent to assist him.

This year a great awakening was effected at Liverpool, Medina Co., in which two young men were converted who later became prominent and useful ministers namely H. F. Behner and J.G. Wolpert. The latter one of our first missionaries to Germany where he is still active though old.

The conference sessions of the Western Conference up to this time were always held in private homes for the simple reason that there were no churches, but in the spring of 1839 the session was held in the newly erected church in Greensburg, Stark Co. O. 656 newly received members were reported. About 40 preachers were present. Shaefer with several others was ordained elder. This was to him a very solemn rite and an incentive to more earnest consecration to the work. He was here assigned to Lancaster Cir. with Christopher Augeustem as colleague. Bro. Augeustein is yet living and is perhaps the oldest minister in the church.

This circuit embraced his home and he felt himself honored of his brethren to be permitted to labor so near home. It was then in order customary that all ordained elders were to attend the sessions of Genl. at Millheim, Centre Co. Pa. a few weeks after conference found Shaefer with twelve others enroute for that place. I will here give a few extracts translated from his writings.

"This journey over mountain and valley on horseback was very difficult and tiresome for man and beast, but it was the most convenient method of travel and time.."
for a buggy riding little was then known by Evangelical preachers and less yet of Railroad travel."

The Genl. Conf. session was opened by Bro. H. Niebel after which Thos. Buck was elected Chairman. Buck was keen and precise but a good presiding officer. At this conference many changes and improvements were made. 1. A Bishop was for the first time elected. 2. The entire organization was formed into three conf. Districts to wit: the East Penn. the West Penn. and Ohio, each independent of the other except in missionary matters. 3. The Parent Missionary Society was formed and each annual conference ordered to organize an auxiliary or branch to the same. 4. A change was made with reference to the support of minister and their families.

This was the first General Conference I was permitted to attend and it was to me a time of great edification. I here became acquainted with many of the old preachers, who by their upright deportment and firmness in Evangelical doctrine joined with the excellent principles of Evangelical economy were to me a perfect pattern. Often while sitting in their midst I thought. 'How glad I am to find myself in company with such men of God.' I would not have forfeited this privilege for the whole world. What was to me of greatest interest and importance was the election of a Bishop. Bro. John Seybert was almost unanimously elected. He evidently did not all anticipate this. After it was announced that "John

Seybert is elected, elected as the first Bishop of the Ev. Assn. "he rose and went into one of the hintermost pews and there wept a considerable length of time, then rising feeling himself as little as he was small in stature, he said "I promised God to be obedient, and will therefore also in this, since the brethren have seen fit to elect me as Superintendent of the Church, not be disobedient, but I feel myself less qualified for this important office than some of my older official brethren, you must therefore pray for me and exercise patience with me.' These words with others were so sincere and impressive that the whole conference was moved to tears.

In this election of a Bishop I saw the necessity of 'the office seeking the man and not the man the office.' It was a good lesson for me." Oh that there were more of the Spirit of Seybert and Shaefer today!

Returning from the Gen. Conf. to his field of labor he found his colleague Augustein hard at work. After several months J. Lutz of Baltimore circuit was sent as a Missionary to Illinois and his circuit was attached to Lancaster. This gave them a super abundance of work and in the emergency the old veteran, John Driesbach, became stirred and volunteered to make a third man on the field. They were very glad to have this aged hero join them but after a few months he became physically disabled and had to again retire. The P.E.J.G. Zinser now sent them as an assistant John Shaefer, brother of A.B. This proved a year of good success and was of fourteen months duration. He was greatly encouraged. It was his meat and drink to labor for the Lord and he adopted "Forward" as his motto.

In May 1843 the conference for the first time had a Bishop to preside. Shaefer was assigned to Miami circuit with Levi Heiss as colleague. with instructions to give special attention to Dayton at which place there had been prior to this but one sermon preached by an Evangelical preacher, Henry Longbrake. The circuit

extended into fifteen counties. Bro. Heiss served all he could but often failed to meet his appointments for which cause Shaefer's were often not announced. This caused him much trouble and additional labor but he still managed to preach in Dayton once in three weeks, while at other points only once in six weeks, and the work so prospered that on his last round for the year he received twenty one members and organized a class. This was the beginning of our work in Dayton, the organization taking place in the spring of 1841.

At the conference in 1841 Miami circuit was divided and that part lying in Ohio was given to Bro. Shaefer with John Nicolai as assistant. They now arranged to preach alternately in Dayton once every week. At the end of this year Dayton had thirty members. In 1842 he was sent to Lancaster his home circuit again, which was now not so large as when he travelled it before and he was brought into more frequent communication with his relatives and former associates and caused him much concern, but the year passed of pleasantly and successfully.

In 1843 the conference met in the then new stone church near Flat Rock, Seneca Co. O. This church is yet standing though long since abandoned as a place of worship. It is a typical old time Evangelical meeting house, in striking contrast to modern churches in style and demensions. It is about a mile from our Orphan Home and near the tomb of Bishop Seybert. The conference was blessed season. Fifty preachers were present; 850 newly received members were reported; whole membership of the O. conf. 4190; Salary for the year of an unmarried preacher \$43.80. The Conf. was divided into five P.E. Districts. He was appointed missionary to Dayton. He at once took steps for building a church, but meantime held meetings in a room of the old city Seminary. By collecting one the adjoining circuit he secured enough money to begin a church in June, which was set back on the lot leaving room in front for a larger structure later on, and so arranged as to be then suitable

for a parsonage. This plan was later carried out. The house was completed and dedicated on the first Sunday in Sept. From this time on the work prospered with frequent conversions. He instituted catechetical instruction and succeeded in bringing a flourishing Sunday School into being. He also began a German week day school in the church in which he not only instructed the children but through them gained access to many parents.

In Oct. of this year he attended Genl. Conf. again as an elected delegate and was appointed Secretary. It was held at Greensburg, O. At this Conf. J. Seybert was elected for a second term to the Episcopacy and Joseph Long was newly elected.

The Ill. Conf. was formed by detaching the states of Ind. and Ill. from the Ohio conference.

In the Spring of 1844 the organization of the Ill. conf. was practically effected at the session of the O. conf. Considerable difficulty was experienced in transferring members to the new conference, but this was measurably modified by according such the right to return to the Ohio Conf. after a certain length of time. Bro. Shaefer was elected P.E. and assigned to the Indiana Idstrict with consideration that he could return in four years.

For the first time he now moved his family, locating choosing as their home E. Germantown, Wayne Co., Ind. We now find him in charge of a district embracing an entire state, and which before the expiration of his term reached from Mt. Carmel Ill. to Deviance, Ohio. This territory was travelled largely on horseback, with extremely bad roads, changes from four to six days travel apart and the entertainment often very poor because the people could furnish no better. Most of his preachers were young and inexperienced, only two having as yet reached deacon's orders, requiring much counsel and encouragement but in this man of undaunted courage, untiring zeal and indefatigable perseverance and

devotion they had a wise counsellor and fitting guide to lead them on.

We can hardly conceive the exposures, deprivations and fatigues this man passed through in travel, preaching, planning churches and parsonages etc.

In 1847 he represented the Ill. Conf. as delegate to the Gen. Conf. held in New Berlin Pa.

In 1848 at the session of the Ill. conf. although his four years were expired there being a scarcity of men in the ranks he consented to remain a year or two more and was re-elected P.E.

The Ind. Dist. was divided and formed into Wabash and St. Joseph Districts: Shaefer was assigned to the former and Chr. Augenstein to the latter. He now felt greatly relieved in having a less laborous charge, but the next year Augestein resigned and it was found necessary to again incorporate the two Districts in one and he has his former extensive territory to traverse and superintend. A less energetic and devoted man would probably have swerved from the undertaking.

After one more years service on this latest field he resigned and felt himself justified in returning to his mother Conference, which had always in waiting for him an appointment, namely Dayton. As expeditiously as practicable he moved his family to Dayton and for the first time was permitted to occupy a parsonage.

It was six years since he had left D. and he found many changes on his return. Under the administration of his last predecessor, the effective G.F. Spreng, now, advanced in life and residing in Dayton, Shaefer's plan had been so carried out that the little church was transformed into a parsonage and a new one under way of rearing on the front of the lot. The basement of the new church finished so that it was

convenient for preaching services and Sabbath School, while the auditorium and classrooms were unfinished. S. supported by a winter corps of officers labored joyfully and had during the year to complete the house, but with their best efforts they did not quite succeed.

In May 1851 he found himself again in conference session with his brethran of the Ohio Conf. the work had greatly developed during his absence and the membership materially increased. Agin, the conference appreciating his fitness, he was elected P.E. and assigned to Scioto District. He was also again elected delegate to the Gen. Conf. which met in Sept. of this year near Flat Rock, O. in the "stone church." At this Genl. Conf. much important business was transacted, prominent of which was the provision for removal of the Publicing House from New Berlin, Pa. to Cleveland, O. S. regarded this a very judicious act. He was undoubtedly right.

At this Gen. Conf. the Ind. Conf. was organized. After serving the Scioto Dist. very efficiently four years, during which time he lived in his own house in Dayton, he was in 1855 again elected delegate to Gen. Conf. as also P.E. and appointed to Sanudsky Dist. Returning homeward from Conf. he stopped at Carey, O. to see about a house, contemplating removing there, but alas on reaching home he found his beloved wife dangerously ill, and six days later, on the 5th of June 1855, she passed away peacefully to be at rest.

This loss was a severe stroke upon him but he nerved himself to his work, serving his Dist. as best he could, and also in the fall attended the Gen. Conf. session at.....

Not able to be at home with his family to watch over them, nor willing to abandon his work, in a little less than a year he found a companion congenial to his mind, in the person of Hester Wallick, who survived him a number of years and was familiarly known as "Aunt Hetty."

In the spring of 1856 he resigned his office in the Ohio conference and attended the fourth session of the Ind. Conf. held at Mt. Carmel, Ill. in June where he received into that body.

The conf. that spring was divided into three Districts and he was at once elected as P.E. again and assigned to White Water District. He served this District faithfully three years and three months, the time of annual sessions having been meanwhile changed from June to Sept, when he felt himself necessitated to resign. He did not however retire from the active work and was appointed to Evansville Mission which he served two years consecutively.

In 1861 he was assigned to S. Bend circuit with Martin Speck as colleague. In 1862 he was sent to Indianapolis Mission. In 1863 he was appointed to South Bend Mission which served two years. In 1865 he was sent to Cincinatti Miss. Here he served one year but the next year he felt himself compelled to retire and took a superannuated relation. Although he could no longer stand in the rank of active workers he nevertheless took a deep interest in the work in all its departments, preaching frequently and attending the annual sessions of his conference to the last and participating in her business transactions.

He died very suddenly at his home in East German-town, Ind. Dec. 20, 1869 aged 72 years 3 mos and 8 days. True and devoted to the end it might be said of him; "Well done, good and faithful Servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Father Shaefer was held in highest esteem in the Ind. conference and none ever more worthily than he. He served in the ministry in all thirty nine years. He represented his conf. in which he at the time stood, at every session of the Genl. Conf. from 1839 till 1867, namely the Ohio four times the Ill. once and the Indiana thrice. He was a wise counsellor a faithful friend, a devoted christian, staunchly loyal to his

Church, a typical Evangelical preacher. He was always ready to sympathize with others and to speak words of encouragement; Thus in writing to a successor of his in the P.E. office, concerning the difficulties very bad roads etc he said; "When you get into such places just think Shaefer has been here too! Writing to a young preacher in 1863 a letter of counsel & cheer, knowing his was a very large and in some respects discouraging work he said "remember you will not always have to travel.....circuit."

He had a fine intellect, acute keen perceptive and clear conception faculties and a retentive memory. He was about 5 ft. 10 inches tall, bowed should red, muscular and in his best years a little inclined to corpulency. He was very bold but mostly wore a wig which seemed naturally adapted so that few would have suspected his.....covering being artificial. His forehead was more broad than high, his eyes keen but mild, his nose very prominent, his countenance open and frank. His appearance was impressive and his entire mien marked him as a man suited as a leader among his fellows. His pulpit demeanor and address were imposing and authoritative without any haughtiness or assumption. His preaching generally was clear, scriptural, unctious, convincing, in power and demonstration of the spirit; sometimes very eloquent and almost overwhelming. In his pulpit efforts he sometimes failed, which was more the case at his mental faculties and physical powers, from age, toil and exposures began to wane, and such failures were very preceptible to those who knew him and mortifying to himself. To those familiar with him it was generally evident when he was about to enter upon a special strain of eloquence and power by a peculiar, elastic, up and down movement on his tiptoes. This voice was clear, distinct and musical. He was a very fine singer understanding, well, for his day, the science of music.

On the whole Father Shaefer was a more than ordinary man and the Ev. Asson as well as the Ind. Conf.

is highly indebted to him as an instrument in the hands of God, in doing much and faithful pioneer work.

It was the writer's privilege to enjoy the acquaintance somewhat intimate of this good man for some years and he has often been encouraged by pleasurable remembrances of him.

Much of the above sketch is drawn from Manuscript in Father Shaefer's own writing furnished me by the courtesy of Rev. R. Yeakel. This manuscript however only reaches till spring of 1855 to death of first wife. "It is much to be regretted that a full diary of his which some years ago, was for a time in the hands of the writer, was after the death of "Aunt Hetty" through advertency or indifference lost."

Written by Rev. D.S. Oakes

Proceedings of The Ft. Wayne
District Convention
Held at
Wright's Corners, LaGrange Co., Ind.
Beginning May 16 to the 18, 1875

On account of the absence of a number of the members, the meeting was postponed from 8 A.M. the appointed hour, until 1 1/2 P.M. at which time the meeting was opened by the P. Elder E.L. Kiplinger, who after reading, singing and prayer favored the meeting with a very appropriate address, upon the sacred duties of the ministry in which he showed plainly not only the need of Divine help but also the necessity of the development of the mind.

E.D. Einsel was appointed Secretary.

The following committees were appointed, Viz. Public Worship E.L. Keplinger, G.W. Freehafer, and E. Troyer.

On Essays E. Evans, G.W. Freehafer, C.C. Baumgardner and E.D. Einsel. On resolutions E.D. Einsel, C.C. Baumgartner and E. Troyer.

Rev. Vanslyke of the M.E. Church was rec'd as an advisory member.

Rev. C.C. Baumgartner was appointed to prepare an abstract of the proceedings of this convention for the Ch. Bott. and E.D. Einsel report for the Ev. Mess.

The order of exercises of last year was adopted for the session, with the following exceptions. 1st. That the second clause vis relating to a 30 minute sermon subject to criticism be abolished. 2nd That in the latter part of the eighth clause the words "except by permission of the chairman" be erased. 3rd That portion of clause 5 designating the length of our essay shall be erased and the following inserted

in its stead. "That if in the opinion of the "Dist convention" the subject be treated too lengthy it shall be considered sufficient reason to condemn the production.

A committee was appointed to revise the order of procedure, and said committee to report during this convention. Committee C.C. Baumgardner, G.W. Freehafer, and A. Guist.

For the order of procedure see page 31.

The P.E. of the dist. with the Ft. Wayne & Wabash Preachers shall constitute a committee on program for next year.

Rev. A. Guist read an essay on How can we harmonize Mark 13, 32 with the dictrine of Christ's omniscience.

Resolved that it be called good.

E.D. Einsel's essay on. How do the facts recorded in Gen 66. and Jonah 3. 9. 10 accord with God's immutability!

Resolved that the essay be called good.

B.F. Dills essay on. What is Atheism, Deism. Polytheism, Pantheism and Monotheism?

After considerable discussion it was called good.

The committee on Public worship reported that J.Wales preach tonight and E.D. Einsel close it with resolved that we adjourn. The session was closed by singing a doxology.

Second Day's Session

The session was opened by the chairman. After a season of prayer the business was again resumed. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Rev. E. Troyer read an essay on, What is the cause of so much unhappiness in religious families? The essay was very well timed and was called good.

Bro. Evans was called upon for an essay explaining 1. Cor. 3, 15. Ch 5 vr 5 and Jude 23 r. But on account of sickness was not prepared. It was resolved that he be excused.

Bro. J. Wales essay on. The importance of and how considerable discussion, pronounced good.

Bro. G.W. Freehafer's essay on, What is the duty of Protestants, in reference to the encroachments of the Roman Catholics?

The essay was listened to with much interest and received as very good.

The committee on Public Worship reported that E. Evans preach to-night. Closed by prayer by the Chairman.

After noon session

Was opened by prayer by E. Troyer

Dr. Baumgartner's essay on How are we to understand 1 Peter 3, 19, 20? was read. It was resolved that the essay be considered an able production; but the doctrine was not fully indorsed as biblical.

Bro. Bruckert's essay on.....(in German) was read, and after a short discussion it was resolved to call it good.

E.S. Kiplinger's essay on. How does a preacher of the gospel, show that he understands the importance and feels the responsibility of his office.

Resolved that it be called good and advise its publication in the Ev. Mess. and Ch. Bottschafler.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows.

1st We recommend that our next District Meeting be held in Wabash, Indiana, Commencing either the last Wednesday in May, or the 1st Wednesday in June.

2nd We recommend that in the future whenever the Dist. Conf. is held at or in a place where the society and people are english the essays and exercises shall be in the english language. and when the conf. meet in a german society the essays and exorcises shall be in that language as much as possible. So that the audience as well as ourselves may be benefited.

The session was closed by prayer by the secretary.

Extra Session, Thursday Morning.

The session was opened in the usual manner. The committee on essays reported as follows.

Name of essayist	Style	Orthography	Penmanship
A. Guist	good	somewhat dificient	quite good
E.D. Einsel	good	good	good
B.F. Dill	good	good	good legible
J. Wales	Rather indifferent	faulty	Ordinary
C.C. Baumgardner	good	good	good
G.W. Freehafer	good	good	fair legible
J. Bruckert	good	Indifferent	Quite good
E.S. Kiplinger	Vigorous & good	good	Plain legible

Bro. Troyers essay was not submitted for examination.
Report adopted.

C.C. Beyrer and S.W. Crawford were absent. The former unavoidably.

For reports of Committees on revision see next page.

Dist. Conf. adjourned.

E.D. Einsel, Secretary

Rules adopted at the District Conf.
held in May 1876. to be observed in
the future by this body.

- 1st Every annual session of this body shall hereafter be opened, by a short sermon by the Presiding Elder or some one by him appointed. Subject to be left to the choice of the one preaching the sermon.
- 2nd The daily sessions of this conference shall open at 8 o'clock A.M. close at 11:30 A.M. Open again at 2 and close at 5 P.M.
- 3rd Thirty minutes shall be devoted every morning to religious exercises, and every session, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
- 4th The secretary shall at the opening of each session call the roll of the members of this conference, and it shall be the duty of every member to be present when the roll is called.
- 5th No member of this conference shall be permitted to leave the place of meeting, or absent himself from its sessions without permission of the body.
- 6th Every member desiring to speak shall arise and address the chairman, who shall recognize the

speaker, after such recognition the speaker is entitled to the floor, and shall not be interrupted except by being called to order in case he should depart in his speech from the subject under consideration.

- 7th No one is permitted to speak twice on the same subject untill all desiring to speak have spoken.
- 8th After any essay is read and under discussion the essayist shall not be permitted to reply to any criticisms that may be made or defend the positions taken, in the essay untill all desiring to speak have spoken When he shall be permitted to defend his production, to the best of his ability. Provided, however, that the essayist may at any time arise to explain or answer any question when called upon to do so by the chair or any member of this body.
- 9th Whenever in the opinion of the Dist. Conf. any essay is too long (The subject considered) it shall be considered sufficient cause to reject the whole production.
- 10th The Presiding Elder shall be chairman of this conf. and in his absence a chairman shall be elected pro. tem. out of its number.
- 11 The chairman has the privilege and it shall be his duty to appoint a Secretary and all necessary committees.

E.D. Einsel, Sec.

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Minutes of the 5th annual session
of the Ft. Wayne District Conf.

The 5th annual session of the Ft. Wayne District Conf. convened according to previous appointment in Wabash Indiana June 6th 1877.

The conf. was opened by the Presiding Elder by a sermon from the text.....(in German) Mark 7.37. in which especially the principal of obedience was clearly elucidated which was not only instructive but edifying.

The chair appointed E.D. Einsel to act as secretary.

The following is a list of members of this conf.

E.S. Kiplinger	B.F. Dill
J. Fisher	G. Roederer
P. Roth	D.J. Pontius
A. Grust Ab.	C.C. Baumgartner
G.W. Freehafter	E.D. Einsel
S.S. Albert	S.W. Crawford ab.
E.R. Troyer	

C.C. Baumgartner was appointed to report for the Ev. Mess. & Ch. Botschafter, in the form of a correspondence.

The following committees were appointed.

On Essays E.D. Einsel C.C. Baumgartner and G. W. Freehafter.

On resolutions J. Fisher, S.S. Albert, Geo. Roederer

Worship. C.C. Baumgartner and E.L. Kiplinger.

The essay of J. Fisher on the subject who was Melchisedec? and in how far is he a type of Christ was pronounced good.

Dr. Baumgartner's essay on "How are we to understand Jephthas vow" was accepted as good.

E.D. Einsel read an essay upon the question "Would it not be better, and result in greater good, if instead of our usual alter exercises at protracted meetings' we would hold special services for seekers similar to Mr. Moody's inquiry meetings?"

The forenoon session was closed without a discussion upon the merits or demerits of the essay. By singing and prayer by E. Troyer.

The afternoon session was opened by singing. Prayer by G. Roederer.

The committee on Public Worship reported that Bro. Roederer should preach this evening.

The essay that was before the conf. was again discussed. It was resolved to call the essay good: but that we as a convention do not think it advisable to give up our alter exercises and use the inquiry room exclusively.

S.S. Albert read an essay on the subject "What can be done by the minister in charge of a circuit or station to win our youth (the children or our members for the church"? Resolved that the essay be called good.

Bro. E. Troyers essay on "Does the Bible Justify self defense". Resolved that the essay meets with the expectation of the conf.

Bro. D.J. Pontious' essay on Heb. 12, 17, was accepted as good.

The session closed by singing and prayer by B.F. Dill.

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Second Days Session

The forenoon session was opened by Jos. Fisher and the usual time was employed in devotional exercises.

The committee on public worship reported that E.D. Einsel preach english tonight and E. Troyer close in german.

The essay of P.Roth upon the text Mark 9. 49. 50. was called good.

B.F. Dills essay in explanation of Rom. 11.15 was called good.

Next Bro. E. Kiplinger read his essay on the subject "The importance of a preachers executive ability in the temporal and spiritual economy of the church" after which it was resolved that the essay meets with expectation of the conf. and expresses its sentiments.

Bro. Freehafers essay from the subject.....
(in German) was called good.

Bro. Roederer's essay upon the subject should the Apocraphy's ever be used to prove any biblical doctrine Resolved that we call the essay good.

Resolved that our next Dist. conf. at Waterloo. the time to be dedicated by the P. Elder.

Resolved that the P.E. and two others whom he shall select shall prepare a program for our next Conf.

Conf. closed by singing. Prayer by Dr. Baumgartner.

Afternoon session was opened by singing after which prayer was offered by E. Troyer.

The committee on Resolutions reported
as follows

- 1 Resolved that we as a Dist. Conf. will use our influence to have the session of the Ind. Conf. changed from Fall to Spring.
- 2 Resolved that we do, consider the present Murphy Temperance Movement a good work. by which many have already been reformed and others by signing the pledge have been prospectively saved from the blighting influence of intemperance. We will use all our influence to further on this good work.
- 3 Resolved that we earnestly request and insist upon all our local preachers as well as itinerant's to attend the Dist. Conf. for the purpose of participating in the same.
- 4 Resolved that we as the ministers of Ft. Wayne dist. feel ourselves amply requarded for attending this conf. in which the greatest degree of brotherly love has been manifested, for which we are truly grateful to God.
- 5 Resolved that we express our sincerest thanks to the friends of Wabash for their friendship and hospitality manifested towards us during our stay among them.

The report of the committee on Essays has either never been handed in or mislaid or lost by the sec.

The session closed by singing and prayer.

E.D. Einsel Sec.

Minutes of the Sixty District
Conference of Ft. Wayne District
Indiana Conference.
Held at
Waterloo Indiana
Oct. 29th 30th & 31st 1878

The members of this body met at 9 a.m. of Oct. 29. at our church at Waterloo Ind. E.L. Kiplinger, G.W. Freehafer, J. Fisher, J. Miller, S.S. Albert, B.F. Dill, J.B. Fisher, A.O. Raber and C.C. Beyer were present. F. Launer, J.K. Troyer and A. Geist (Came in the afternoon of this day) were absent. A small number of the congregation of this place were also present. Rev. Finneman of the Reformed Church of this place was received as an honorary member.

According to a previously arranged programme the first in order was a sermon by E.L. Kiplinger, P.E. of the district: Subject, John 1. 17. Many instructive and earnest points were made.

The meeting then proceeded to further organization by the chair appointing C.C. Beyrer Secretary and the following committees:

- I On worship: G.W. Freehafer, E.L. Kiplinger and J. Fisher
- II On Essays: C.C. Beyrer, G.W. Freehafer, A. Geist and J. Miller.
- III On Resolutions: S.S. Albert, J.K. Troyer, F. Launer, B.F. Dill, I.B. Fisher and A.O. Raber.

The previously adopted business rules were again received with the exception of time of sessions. The sessions for this meeting are to be from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 2-4 p.m.

The first paper read was by the chairman E.L.

Kiplinger. Subject, "The Use and Abuse of Criticism." The essay was called a good one by a unanimous vote. No one ventured to make any criticism on it.

The second essay was by S.S. Albert on the subject "Should the children of our church be recorded as members thereof?" On motion forenoon's session adjourned. Prayer was offered by C.C. Beyrer.

Afternoon Session

Opened with reading of Scripture and singing by chairman, prayer by J. Fisher. The committee on Public worship reported that S. S. Albert is to preach this evening. Report adopted. After this S.S. Albert's essay was discussed. Remarks were made by Kiplinger, Beyrer, Miller, Fisher, Dill, Freehafer and Bechtel. After a long discussion it was decided by a majority that the essay be called good and that we endorse the views of the writer in answering the question in the affirmative.

The next order was an essay by B.F. Dill on "How can we harmonize Ex. 322 and Ex. 20. 15. Afternoon's session closed with prayer by J. Miller.

Second Day

Opened with reading of Scripture and prayer by A. Geist. Bro. U.O. Raber also offered prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Bro. Kunselman of the Ger. M.E. church was received as an honorary member. Com. reported that E.S. Kiplinger should preach this evening. Adopted.

By request B.F. Dill's essay was again read. His idea of the word "borrow" in his subject-making it mean to use and not return again was criticised. On motion it was decided that we call the essay a good one.

A. Geist now read an essay on "Is a man ever excusable for habitually working on the Sabbath." The writer took the ground that habitual working on the Sabbath is never justifiable. After considerable discussion the writers views were unanimously called correct and the essay called good.

The next was an essay by J. Fisher. Subject -, "A Treatise on the "Rainbow". It was called a good one without a dissenting vote.

J.B. Fisher then read a "Treatise of Romans 8. 11. It was decided that the paper is a good one.

Forenoons session closed with prayer by J. Miller.

Afternoon Session

Opened with singing and prayer by J.B. Fisher. The first in order this afternoon was a German essay by J. Miller. Subject, "H.....(in German)

Rev. Daniels of the M.E. church was received as an honorary member.

After some remarks by the chairman about the essay it was decided that the writer expressed the sentiment of this conference and that it be called good.

A.O. Raber then read an essay on "What constitutes a true call to the ministry"? Without discussion it was called good.

This was followed with the reading of an essay by C.C. Beyrer on "How can we harmonize the teachings of science with the Bible in regard to the earth's motions." There was some animated discussion about the writers views to harmonize, but finally the essay was called a good one.

G.W. Freehafer now closed the reading of essays with one on the subject "Does the result of our district

meeting, justify their continuance?" The writer took the affirmative side of this question. It was after some discussion decided by the majority that the essay' is good and expresses the views of this body.

The committee on worship reported that in view of E.L. Kiplinger having to preach a funeral sermon tomorrow he should be excused from preaching this evening and A. Geist preach in his stead.

It was then decided that when we adjourn this evening we do it with the understanding of meeting here at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Closed with prayer by J. Miller.

Third Day

Opened with reading, singing and prayer by the chairman.

1. It was decided that the P.E. of the district with such help as he may select be a committee to prepare a programme for the next district conference and that this committee also appoint the time and place of meeting.

2. The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

(1) We abide with all firmness by our former resolutions on the subject of temperance and the Sabbath.

(2) We return our sincere thanks to the kind friends of Waterloo for their hospitality manifested towards us during our stay among them, and we pray God's blessings both temporal and spiritual to abide with them.

(3) That we tender our thanks to the officers chairman and secretary for the sacrifice and self denial manifested by them in their respective stations. Report adopted.

The committee on essays then gave the following report, which was also adopted:

In regard to the grammar and style of the essays we can report as follows:

	Grammar	Style
E.L. Kiplinger	good	good
S.S. Albert	"	"
B.F. Dill	pretty "	"
A. Geist	"	"
J. Fisher	somewhat faulty	"
I.B. Fisher	faulty	"
J. Miller	good	"
A.O. Raber	"	"
C.C. Beyrer	"	"
G.W. Freehafer	"	"

The minutes of yesterday and today were then read and approved after which the chairman declared the district conference adjourned.

C.C. Beyrer, Sec.

Proceedings of the Seventh
 District Conference of Ft. Wayne
 District Indiana Conference
 held at
Newville Indiana

First Day
Forenoon

The District Conference of Ft. Wayne District convened at our church at Newville Ind. Sept. 2nd 1879 M. Krueger P.E. in the chair. The chairman opened with reading of Scriptures, singing and prayer. Prayer was also offered by J. Bruckert and B.F. Dill. After this the chairman delivered a short address. C.C. Beyrer was appointed secretary.

The rules of business were read and left unchanged. The following brethren were prewent: M. Krueger, J. Bfucker. A.O. Raber, B.F. Dill, W. Ackerman, J.K. Troyer, D.S. Oakes

Fisher and A.E. Shafer were excused for their absence.

E.R. Troyer was received as an advisory member.

Bro. J. Miller now read an essay. Subject. (In German) The essay was called good.

The next paper read was by B.F. Dil on "To what extent should we adapt ourselves to the Popular Tastes and Customs of The Times in carrying on our Church Work?" There was some difference of opinion expressed as to whether an essay was open for discussion as soon as read. It was then decided that so soon as an essay is read discussion is in order.

Forenoon session closed with prayer by C.C. Beyrer

Afternoon

Opened with reading of Scriptures & Singing by the chairman and prayer by E. Troyer. Bro. Dill again read his essay. After some discussion it was decided that the writer failed to comprehend the meaning of the subject.

The next essay read was by M. Krueger on the subject "Wants of Ft. Wayne District and how to supply Them." After considerably discussion on the subject read it was decided that we call the essay good.

Next in order was the reading of an essay by J.K. Troyer. Subject, "Are the Methods pursued by Many Churches-such as holding Festivals, Lotteries & c. to secure Funds for the Church in Keeping with True Christianity. If not What Justifiable Methods can be adopted to gain The Requisite End" The essay was unanimously called good.

An essay was now read by J. Brucken on "Nature and Duration of Future Punishment." After some discussion the essay was unanimously called good.

Afternoon session closed with prayer by W. Ackerman.

Second Day Forenoon

Opened with reading and singing by the chairman and prayer by D.S. Oakes. Prayer was also offered by J. Miller & A.O. Raber. Bro. I.B. Fisher put in his appearance yet at this late hour and giving a reasonable excuse for his absence yesterday was excused from his absence.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

C.C. Beyrer read an essay on "Proper and Improper Emotion in Religion." There was considerable discussion

of the conference and in the evening I saw him again. He was very friendly and we talked for some time. He was very interested in the work of the conference.

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in regard to this essay and was finally decided that the essay is "Too ultra anti-emotional."

An Essay was now read by D.S. Oakes on "The Necessity of Examining into Our Secret Motives of Action." The essay was called a good one.

Next in order was the reading of W. Ackerman's essay. Subject, "The necessary Qualifications of a Minister." Was unanimously called good.

Forenoon session closed with prayer by I.B. Fisher

Afternoon.

Reading of Scriptures singing prayer by the chairman.

A.O. Raber read an essay on "Regeneration". After a long discussion it was decided that we call the essay good.

I.B. Fisher read the last essay. Sub. "The Believers Growth in Grace." Without discussion it was decided good.

The following committees which had been appointed by the chairman at the beginning of this conference now reported.

On Resolutions.

1 We deem it desirable and profitable that the Ft. Wayne & Elkhart Districts unite in holding their next conference. Therefore Resolved, That we the ministers of Ft. Wayne District will use our influence to bring this union to pass, with the understanding that the conference be held in the central part of the two districts.

2 Resolved that we feel ourselves amply rewarded for attending this conference, especially for

instructions and blessings received and the manifestations of brotherly love and we endorse the continuation of these conferences.

- 3 Resolved that we express our sincere thanks to the friends of Newville for their friendship and hospitality manifested toward us. May God's blessing rest upon them abundantly.

J.K. Troyer
J. Bruckert Com.
A.O. Raber
W. Ackerman

D.S. Oakes was elected delegate to Elkhart District conference to confer with that body in regard to holding a joint meeting.

On essays.

J. Miller	Style good	Orthography very good
B.F. Dill	" quite good	" tolerably good
J. Bruckert	" good	" somewhat faulty
M. Krueger	" "	" correct
J.K. Troyer	" "	" not correct
C.C. Beyrer	" "	Orthog. correct
W. Ackerman	" pretty good	" mostly correct
D.S. Oakes	" good	" correct
A.O. Raber	" should be improved	" ditto
I.B. Fisher	" pretty good	" rather defective

D.S. Oakes
C.C. Beyrer Com.
J. Miller

Adjourned Sine dei.
C.C. Beyrer, sec.

C.C. Beyrer according to programme spoke the first

evening on the subject "The necessity of earnest
Labor and study to success. D.S.Oakes on the
second evening delivered an address on the subject of
Sunday Schools.

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Eighth District Meeting
of
Fort Wayne District
Held jointly with the Elkhart District
at
Bremen, Marshall Co. Indiana.

Tuesday, June 1, 1880, at the above named place, the members of the Districts named met in joint convention.

At 9 o'clock A.M. M. Krueger P.E. of Ft. Wayne Dist. opened the meeting with reading 2 Tim. 2 Chap. singing & Prayer followed by several prayers by others interspersed with singing.

D.S. Oakes was then appointed Sec. for Ft. Wayne Dist.

- 1 The Sec. read the Rules for conducting of such meeting, as recorded in Elkhart Dist. Books.
- 2 D.S. Oakes read an Essay on "Charity toward other Churches: How far should it extend?" Without criticism it was pronounced good.
- 3 An essay on (in German) ("The relation of Faith & Feeling in Religion.") was read by J. Bruckert. After brief discussion called good.
- 4 M. Krueger read his treatment of the subject (in German) ("What course should the ministry pursue to preserve the church from a spiritual decline during a political campaign?" After short deliberation it was pronounced good, with the exception that it should have been more definite in pointing out the extent to which a christian should participate in an election.

5 A treatise was read by C. Tramer on (in german).
It was passed as good.

6 An Exegesis of Eccle. 3. 19-22 was read by B.F. Dill and called good.

7 A Guist read a long discussion of Tem. 1-9
It was pronounced good.

8 (In German) was treated in written form by G. Schmoll. It was called good.

9 The following committees were announced:

- (a) On Essays D.S. Oakes, J. Hoffman, & H. Arlen.
- b, On Resolutions M.W. Steffey, A. Guist & G. Schmoll

Forenoon meeting closed with
Prayer by J.M. Dustman.

Afternoon

Meeting was opened by E.L. Kiplinger
P.E. of Elkhart Dist.

10 J. Hoffman was appointed Sec. for the Elkhart Dist.

11 F.F. Meyer read a german essay on "Predestination, its effects upon the church & the world." After discussion it was eventually called good.

12 A german Essay on "Is the work of God in our Conf. on a decline: If so, what is the cause?" was read by M.W. Steffey - This called fourth quite a lengthy discussion & was then called good.)

13 (In German) as treated by J. Hoffman was by him read and pronounced good.

14 A.R. Shafer read an essay: Subject: "How can we as a conference maintain, undisturbed, perfect mutual confidence among us: And how shall be our intercourse with each other in private & public." After some pleasant remarks & suggestions it was called good.

15 G. Roederer read a german production on the theme "To what extent should we encourage & sustain so called Evangelists, male & female?" After considerable discussion the essay was called good & this resolution passed." Resolved. That we will not recognize such Evangelists unless they are duly licensed or sufficiently known to us so that we are assured of their integrity. ("That we know all is right")

Closing Prayer by G. Smoll.

Second Day

Opened in usual manner by M. Krueger.

16 Yesterday's proceedings were read & approved.

17 A german production was read by E.L. Kiplinger on?" Pronounced good.

18 1 Jno. 2.27 was treated by W. Koenig in german It was pronounced good.

19 "Prayer-and Class meetings, their importance & how should they be conducted?' was read by Jas. Wales. Whereupon it was Resolved, That it be regarded as good excepting the recommending of the Class leader calling the roll of members and requiring each member to bring his bible to read therefrom in the meeting.

20 D.J. Pontius read his production on "Prayer, its nature & design, both in public & private

It was approved.

On motion adjourned.

Prayer by G. Schmoll.

Afternoon

Opened by E.L. Kiplinger.

21 An Exegesis on Ept. 4.26 was read by E.R. Troyer -
It was adopted.

22 An Essay on "The biblical mode & the proper subjects
of baptism." was read by H. Arlen. It was
pronounced good excepting the clause "It is a
question whether or not the baptism of children of
unbelievers may be a curse instead of a blessing.

23 S.S. Albert read an essay on "The Seven Spirits
of God." Called good & Theologically correct.

24 A very lengthy essay was read by H. Prechtel on
"The Nature & Duration of the Punishment of the
Wicked." Was finally finished reading & called good.

25 "The Power of Habit:" was treated by J.M. Dustman
& called good.

26 W. Ackerman read an essay on the compound subject:
Is Justification & Regeneration inseparable or can
one take place without the other, and what is the
difference between Regeneration & Sanctification.
Called good.

Adjourned until 1/4 7 P.M.

Evening

Opening by E.L. Kiplinger.

27 Committee on Essays reported. Adopted.

28 Committee on Resolutions reported "

29 Resolved. That the respective P. E's consult with their brethren to appoint time & place of their next Dist. Meetings.

Committee Reports.

1 On Resolutions.

I Whereas we are convinced from the great profit derived from District Meetings of past years, that if they are conducted in time to come in a christian spirit & so as to make them of general interest, they will continue to be a means of making us as ministers more efficient in the great work of the Master, Therefore Resolved, That we continue our Dist. Meetings.

II Believing that the comparative lack of interest in our Conventions arises from the late and non-attendance of brethren; as also a monotonous sameness in our exercises. Therefore Resolved, (a) That the dilatory be held answerable to the convention & the absentees be reported at the annual conference

b. That the nature of our exercises be changed from the present method to the following:

1 In connection with the reading of essays there shall be singing intersperced, Say after an essay has read & discussed a song shall be sung.

2 That of different difficult theological subjects one shall be assigned to two different brethren to treat, one german, the other english, in order to bring out thus a clearer conception of the scripture, and to be more satisfactory to those speaking the different languages & thus open the way for more ready discussion.

3 That we open a question box for difficult theological & Practical questions which are to be collected during the year in our bible reading & in connection with our work.

III Resolved, That it would be to the interest of the Convention that such questions be submitted

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to the Committee on Programme to select the most important from as subjects to be assigned to brethren for the next Dist. Meeting.

IV Resolved, That we tender the kind friends of Bremen our heartfelt thanks for their kindness & hospitality.

V Whereas it is more difficult & also more expensive for the two Dists, to unite,
Therefore Resolved. That we hold our District Conventions hereafter separately.

2 On Essays

		Style	100	Orthography	100
1	M. Krueger	"	100	"	98
2	E.L. Kiplinger	"	100	"	94
3	A. Guist	"	95	"	75
4	J. Wales	"	100	"	99
5	B.F. Dill	"	100	"	100
6	D.S. Oakes	"	100	"	100
7	C. Tramer	"	100	"	99 1/2
8	G. Roderer	"	100	"	99
9	W. Koenig	"	95	"	80
10	M.W. Steffey	"	97	"	98
11	D.J. Pontius	"	100	"	100
12	H. Arlen	"	100	"	100
13	W. Ackerman	"	100	"	98
14	J.M. Dustman	"	100	"	99
15	J. Hoffman	"	100	"	100
16	S.S. Albert	"	80	"	65
17	E.R. Troyer	"	100	"	100
18	F.F. Meyer	"	100	"	100
19	G. Schmoll	"	80	"	90
20	H. Prechtel	"	90	"	90
21	J. Bruckert	"	90	"	90

On Monday evening J. Hoffman preached

On Tuesday " F. F. Meyer "

On Wednesday " G. Roederer "

Signed

D.S. Oakes Sec.

Ninth District Meeting
of
Fort Wayne District

This meeting was held on Kendallville Circuit, in Trinity church, Noble Co. Ind. commencing at 9 o'clock A.M. Oct. 4, 1881.

The meeting was opened by the P.E. reading 2 Chap. of 1 Thess. and an address preceded by prayer by himself & several others. D.S. Oakes was appointed Secretary.

1 The Business Rules formulated in 1875 were adopted for this meeting with slight change in the time of Daily Sessions.

2 On motion, Resolved, That at the opening of the P.M. Sessions a short sermon is to be preached by some one appointed thereto, which sermon is to be open to criticism as also the speaker's demeanor throughout

3 D.S. Oakes & Geo. Roederer were appointed a Com. on Worship & A. Geist, S.S. Albert & Jno. Bruckert a Com. on Essays & Resolutions

4 J. Bruckert read an Essay on, "Does the Salvation in Christ secure greater privileges than those enjoyed by Adam in his primitive purity."

5 The above essay was tabled until this P.M.

Closing prayer by B.F. Dill

P.M. Session

Opened with singing & Prayers by A. Geist & G. Roederer.

6 Bro. Bruckerts essay was taken up & after considerable discussion it was called good.

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7 S.S. Albert read his Essay: Subject. "Is it the experience of believers generally by gradual growth to arrive at Christian Perfection, or is it necessary to put forth a special effort to secure the blessings." After lengthy discussion it was pronounced good.

8 The subject. "Would we realize greater results, as a church, by employing Evangelistic labors as D.L. Moody, Hammond, Mrs. Van Cott & others." as treated by Geo. Roederer was by him read upon which it was resolved that we regard the essay as good yet we cannot endorse the positive affirmative position of the author.

P.M. Session closed with prayer by J. Bruckers.

2nd Day. Morning Session.

The Chairman read 2 Cor. 4. several brethren offered prayer.

9 The minutes of yesterday were read & adopted.

10 Aug. Geist read an Essay, Topic; "What are the essential qualifications of a successful minister." It was with very little discussion called good.

11 "Is there not danger among us as minister, of humanizing divine means in saving souls?" was treated & read by B.F. Dill. After considerable discussion it was voted "Not quite to the point."

12 D.S. Oakes read "A Treatise on the proper interpretation of the Scriptures. With little discussion it was pronounced good.

Forenoon session closed with prayer by J. Bruckert.

P.M. Session. 2nd Day

Opened with a sermon by S.S. Albert. Text, John 15.4. He was moderately criticized.

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theory of the origin of life is still in the
early stages of development.

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early stages of development.

13 An Essay by M. Hoehn on "Christian Marriage, or Should a christian marry an irreligious person?" was read by the secretary. Pronounced good but might have been treated more extensively

14 M. Krueger read a production on the topic: "The best method of preparation & delivery of a sermon." It was, without dissent pronounced good.

Closing prayer by A.R. Shaefer.

3rd Day. Morning Session.

The Chairman read 2 Tim. 2. A.R. Shafer offered prayer.

15 Minutes of previous day were read & adopted.

16 The Com. on Resolutions reported. See Report.

17 A.R. Shafer read an essay on Baptism After a prolonged discussion it was voted good.

18 The Com. on Essays reported. See report.

19 On motion it was resolved, That the P.E. with the Pastors of Kendallville & Waterloo Circuits shall constitute a committee on Programme for next year.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

1 Resolved, That we have a question box open for theological & practical questions, which are to be submitted to the P.E. or the committee on Program, to select from as subject matter at future District meeting.

2 Resolved, That the Program, to be made by the Committee appointed thereto, shall by the committee

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year.

2. The second part of the report deals with the results of the work during the year.

3. The third part of the report deals with the financial statement.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the conclusions and recommendations.

5. The fifth part of the report deals with the appendix.

6. The sixth part of the report deals with the index.

7. The seventh part of the report deals with the bibliography.

8. The eighth part of the report deals with the list of figures.

9. The ninth part of the report deals with the list of tables.

10. The tenth part of the report deals with the list of abbreviations.

11. The eleventh part of the report deals with the list of symbols.

12. The twelfth part of the report deals with the list of references.

be printed, at the expense of the ministers of the District, and the same to be distributed among the brethren at an early date. Note-It was understood that the said Program should be printed only in English. Sec.

3 Resolved, That we require our Chairman, to report to the brethren who are absent at this meeting, the next annual Conference & that we as a body, obligate ourselves to sustain him in so doing and then endeavor to enforce an attendance if possible.

4 Resolved, That we tender the friends of the Society our sincere thanks for their kindness & hospitality shown us during this meeting.

Report of Committee on Essays.

	Style	Medium	Grammer	Defective
M. Krueger	"	Good	"	Good
D.S. Oakes	"	Medium	"	Medium
B.F. Dill	"	Good	"	Good
Aug. Geist	"	Medium	"	Medium
Geo. Roederer	"	"	"	"
Jno. Bruckert	"	Good	"	"
S.S. Albert	"	"	"	Good
M. Hoehn	"	"	"	

Closing prayer was offered by S.S. Albert.

D.S. Oakes Sec.

1882 A meeting, the 10th for the Dist. was held in the fall of 1882, in Vera Cruz (Newville) Wells Co. Ind., but no records were made of the proceedings.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING
of
Fort Wayne District

The 11th Fort Wayne District was held in Avilla, Noble Co. Ind. commencing at 8 o'clock A.M. of Wed. June 13th 1883.

The meeting was opened with reading of scripture, singing & prayer and a short address by D.S. Oakes acting Chairman. J.M. Dustman was appointed Secretary.

- 1 The Sec. read the standing business rules, which were adopted with some changes in time of daily sessions.
- 2 The following committees were appointed:
 - a, On Worship - J. Wales, & D.E. Hoover
 - b, On Resolutions A.R. Shafer, J.E. Stoops
H.H. Brightmire
 - c, On Essays - J. M. Dustman, J. Bruckert, C.C. Beyrer.
- 3 A.R. Shafer read an essay on "Does sin precede or follow the loss of faith in a believer?" After due discussion the essay was pronounced good.
- 4 Jas. Wales read his essay: Subject: "The official duties of a preacher in Charge, with special reference to reception, retention & expulsion of church member." After considerable discussion the subject was laid over until the P.M. Session

The A.M. Session was closed with prayer by E.A. Zerkle.

Afternoon

Opening with singing and prayer by A.R. Shafer.

- 5 The Committee on Worship reported that W.H. Brightmire preach tonight & A.R. Shafer close.

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6 J. Wales was called on to re-read his essay, which after considerable more discussion was called good.

7 W.H. Brightmire next read an essay on "Repentance; Its origin, Nature & Effects." After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that it be called good with the exception of a few incorrect statements.

8 C.C. Beyrer gave a ten minutes address embracing a sketch of his religious & ministerial experiences which was listened to with much interest.

9 D.E. Hoover read his essay: Subject, Justification & Regeneration and their distinction." After some criticism it was laid over until tomorrow.

P.M. Session closed with prayer by W.H. Brightmire

Second Day Thurs. June 14, 1883

Opened with devotional exercises by the chairman. Prayer was also offered by J. Wales.

10 The minutes of yesterday were read & accepted.

11 The discussion of Bro Hoover's essay was again up taken up at some length & finally it was pronounced good excepting some expressions being regarded as too strong.

12 J.E. Stoops read an exposition of Eph. 4-26.. After some discussion the essay was called very good.

13 An interesting relation of religious experience of 10 minutes was given by J.M. Dustman.

14 I.B. Fisher read an essay on: "Can the believer receive the Holy Ghost prior to receiving water baptism?" The author took a decided affirmative position. After a short discussion it was called very good.

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the cold air. It was a sharp contrast to the warm, humid air of the tropics.

2. I had heard that the weather in the north was terrible, but I didn't realize how cold it would be. The wind was biting, and the sun was a pale, distant orb in the sky.

3. As I walked through the airport, I saw people bundled in heavy coats and hats. They looked at me with curiosity, as if I were a foreigner from another world.

4. I tried to ask for directions, but my accent was so thick that no one could understand me. I felt a bit of embarrassment as I stood there, looking lost.

5. Finally, a man in a uniform stepped forward. He spoke in a slow, deliberate manner, and I managed to catch a few words.

6. He told me that I was in the wrong place and that I should go to the other side of the airport. I nodded, feeling a bit more confident now.

7. As I walked away, I noticed a sign that said "EXIT". I followed it, feeling a sense of relief as I finally found my way out.

8. The outside world was a completely different place. The air was clean and crisp, and the trees were tall and green. It was a beautiful sight, and I felt a sense of wonder.

9. I had heard that the north was a harsh and unforgiving place, but I was beginning to see it in a different light. It was a place of beauty and mystery.

10. I had come to the north for a reason, and I was determined to see it all. I was ready for whatever challenges lay ahead.

11. I had heard that the north was a place of adventure, and I was ready to embrace it. I was ready to see the world from a new perspective.

12. I had heard that the north was a place of discovery, and I was ready to embrace it. I was ready to see the world from a new perspective.

15 D.S. Oakes next read an essay on" "Our mutual conduct toward each other as gospel ministers, especially as ministers of Ft. Wayne District." Without farther discussion the production was called very good.

16 J. Bruckert now read his treatment of: "Faith, its germination, development & perfection." With short discussion the essay was pronounced good.

17 The Committee on Worship reported that I.B. Fisher should preach this evening & C.C. Beyrer close.

A.M. Session closed with prayer by C.C. Beyrer.

Afternoon Session 2nd Day

18 The Committee on Resolutions reported-See Report.

19 C.C. Beyrer read an essay on: "How can we harmonize the Omniscience & the infinite love of God with the doctrine of man's probation & the endless punishment of the incorrigible?" The essay was called good without very lengthy discussion.

20 I.B. Fisher & J. Wales made short addresses in reference to their religious experience

21 J.M. Dustman read a paper on: "Temptation, and wherein does man's susceptibility to it lie?" After some discussion it was called good.

22 A Treatise on the Subject: "Wherein lies the difference between man as a redeemable & a devil as an irredeemable transgressor?" As written by A. Geist was read by the chairman. Whereupon On motion of C.C. Beyrer it was resolved, that we regard the treatment of this profound subject a success & request him to publish it in the Ev. Mss.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study. It discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. It includes information about the sample, the data collection methods, and the statistical analysis.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. It compares the findings with the objectives of the study and discusses the implications of the results.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references. The conclusion summarizes the main findings of the study, and the references list the sources of information used in the study.

5. The fifth part of the report is a list of appendices. These appendices contain additional information that is relevant to the study but is not included in the main body of the report. They include a list of abbreviations, a list of symbols, and a list of figures.

6. The sixth part of the report is a list of references. These references list the sources of information used in the study.

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8. The eighth part of the report is a list of references. These references list the sources of information used in the study.

23 A number of questions, as received in the drawer were read & answered. They were pointed and of interest.

Others were on the programme for addresses but the time was too limited for their presenting. The close was by a hearty singing of a doxology.

The committee on essays made no formal report. It was required of them more especially to correct orthographical & grammatical errors.

The absentees were Jos. Fisher, J.E. Smith, W. Koenig, & A. Geist.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1 Whereas by past experience we are convinced that our District Conventions have been a great benefit to us both intellectually & spiritually, and whereas we are convinced that they contribute largely to strengthen the bonds of fellowship & christian love among us as God's servants, and, whereas there has in the last few years a spirit of indifference manifested among us in regard to these meetings, Therefore

1 Resolved, That we will do all in our power to awaken an interest and to continue them.

2 That we do earnestly disapprove of the indifference manifested by some of the brethren in not attending these meetings.

II In as much as it would have been a shouce of pleasure to us to have had Bro. Geist with us (and he expresses his disappointment in not being able) but as he has been detained by the sickness of his companion, therefore, Resolved, That we herewith express our heartfelt sympathy, and do sincerely pray that the blessing of God may rest upon him & his family.

III Resolved, That we highly appreciate the manner in which our esteemed chairman conducted the session of the meeting, and we promise to continue to stand by him and support him with our prayers, and further Resolved, That, the new feature introduced in the exercises, i. 2 the experience of the brethren, adds materially to the interest of the meeting.

III Whereas the essay read by our esteemed chairman meets with our hearty approval & is highly appreciated by this body. Therefore Resolved, That he be requested to publish it in the Evangelical Messenger.

V Whereas we have been so kindly received & entertained by the people in this place. Therefore Resolved, That we tender them our sincere thanks.

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Twelfth District Meeting
of
Ft. Wayne District

This convention was held in the Evangelical church at Waterloo, Ind. June 10th to the 12th 1884.

1 Rev. D.S. Oakes P.E. opened the meeting by reading a scripture lesson, singing and prayer. After which he delivered a short discourse from 2 Tim. 2:15. The sermon was full of good and wholesome instructions especially to the minister.

2 The chair appointed J.M. Dustman to act as secretary who was called upon to read the rules and regulations of the convention, which was all adopted excepting the article in reference to the time of the daily sessions.

3 It was decided to open the daily sessions at 8 o'clock and close at 11 o'clock A.M. and open at 1:30 o'clock and close at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

4 It was decided to have a question drawer and Rev's. A.R. Shafer and Jas Wales were appointed, by the chair, as a committee to receive and examine the questions.

5 After a short, volentary and pythy address, the chairman read an essa written by Rev. H. Arlen on the subject of "Conscience, its relyability and unrelyability."

6 It was decided that immediately after the reading of an essa it should be discussed before deciding upon its merits.

7 After some discussion upon Rev. Arlens essa the A.M. session was closed with prayer by Rev. W.H. Brightmire

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8 The meeting was opened by singing No. 643 in the Ev.

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Hymn Book and prayer by the secretary.

9 The following committee were appointed by the chair.

On Worship - J.E. Stoops A.R. Shafer and E.A. Zerkle

On Essays - A. Geist, C.C. Burer and W.H. Brightmire

Resolutions - E. Hoover I.B. Fisher J. Bruckert

On Question Drawer - A.R. Shafer and Jas. Wales

10 The committee on worship reported that Rev. C.C. Byrer is to preach tonight and Rev. I.B. Fisher is to close. The report was adopted.

11 On motion it was decided to postpone the farther discussion of Bro. Arlens essa until a later period.

12 An essa was read by J.M. Dustman on the subject - "To what extent may "good feeling" be regarded as an evidence of true religion?" After a lengthy and interesting discussion the essa was called good.

13 Rev. I.B. Fisher was called upon to read an essa on the subject of "Mericles - Their nature, why performed and are they yet effected" After some discussion the essa was called good.

14 Rev. A.R. Shafer then favored the convention with a short history of his ministerial experience. especially with regard to his german preaching. The address was good and dudly appreciated.

15 Rev. D.E. Hoover read an essa on the subject "Is death any part of the penalty of sin?" After some discussion the first days convention was closed by singing.

Second Day A.M.

16 The convention was opened by calling the roll by the

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secretary and a half hours devotional exercises conducted by the chairman Rev. D.S. Oakes.

17 The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

18 The committee on worship reported that J. M. Dustman was to preach tonight A.R. Shafer was to close.

19 Rev. D.E. Hoover was then requested to reread a part of his essa, and after a prolonged and interesting discussion it was decided that we consider the subject ably treated and theologically incorrect.

20 The question drawer was opened and a number of interesting questions were asked and answered.

21 Rev. J. Bruckert then read an essa on the subject "Does God in all instances use the most effective means to save man? if so, how can one harmonize Matt. 11:23 and Jude 7th verse?" Without any discussion the essa was called very good in every respect.

22 Rev. A. Geist then gave the convention a short sketch of his ministerial experience the speech was very good.

23 Rev. W.H. Brightmire then read an essa on the subject "The importance of the Bible and the evidences of its divine Authenticity." After some discussion the production was called a good one.

24 An essa was then read by our worthy chairman Rev. D. S. Oakes, on the subject "What are the essential elements of church prosperity." Without any discussion the essa was called very good.

25 The question drawer was agin opened and a number of

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good questions considered and answered.

26 The A.M. session was closed with prayer by the chairman.

Second Day P.M. session

27 The convention was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. Bruckert.

28 Rev. I.B. Fisher by request was given leave by the convention to return home the afternoon.

29 Rev. Jas. Wales then read an essa on "The sin against the Holy Ghost. After some discussion the essa was called good.

30 The subject "What are the requisite qualifications and official duties of a Presiding Elder" was treated upon in the form of an essa by Rev. A.R. Shafer. It was called good.

31 Rev. J.E. Stoops read an essa on the subject-"The function and relative duties of a senior and a junior preacher on the same circuit." The essa was called excellent.

32 The question drawer was opened

33 Rev. C.C. Byrer was then called upon to read an essa on the subject. "Is the Indiana Conference situated and conditioned to carry on the work of the Lord more successfully and effectually today than it was thirty three years ago? If so is it practically demonstrated, if not, why not." On motion the essa was called especially good and the essayist was requested to publish the same in the Evangelical Messenger.

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34 Rev. A. Geist read an essa on the Subject. "How can we harmonize the Divinity of Christ with the expression Matt. 26:39 O my Father if it be possible and Matt. 27:46 " My God, My God, %c. On Motion the essa was called good, and the essayist was likewise requested to publish the same in the Ev. Messenger.

35 Rev. Jacob Hunsinger then read an essa on the Human heart the temple of God according to 1 Cor. 3:16. The essa was called good.

36 The P.M. Session was closed by Singing the doxology.

Third day A.M.

The convention was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. D.S. Oakes P.E.

37 The question drawer was opened and some good questions discussed.

38 The subject and propriety of a district camp-meeting was then discussed, and it was decided if possible and advisable to hold such a meeting.

39 The propriety and benefit of the Womans Missionary Society with then discussed with considerable enthusiasm.

40 The committee on Resolution reported as follows
 In as much as there was an apparent increase of interest manifested in this meeting and it is considered a great benefit, therefore
 (1) Resolved: that we greatly encourage their continuance and do all in our power in cooperating with our P.E. D.S. Oakes in making them a success.

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year.

2. The second part of the report deals with the results of the work during the year.

3. The third part of the report deals with the conclusions drawn from the work during the year.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the recommendations made during the year.

5. The fifth part of the report deals with the summary of the work during the year.

6. The sixth part of the report deals with the conclusions drawn from the work during the year.

7. The seventh part of the report deals with the recommendations made during the year.

8. The eighth part of the report deals with the summary of the work during the year.

9. The ninth part of the report deals with the conclusions drawn from the work during the year.

10. The tenth part of the report deals with the recommendations made during the year.

(2) Resolved, that we highly appreciated the manner in which our chairman D.S. Oakes conducted the meeting, which added greatly to the interest of the same.

(3) Resolved, that we tender our sincerest thanks to our dear people at Waterloo for their kindness and hospitality shown toward us and pray Gods blessings and a prosperous year for them.

J.M. Dustman
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Ministerial Convention
Fort Wayne Dist.

This convention met in our church in Decatur, Ind.
at 8 o'clock A.M. Oct. 5th 1892.

The opening services were conducted by the P.E.
of the District, D.S. Oakes, reading 2nd chapter of
2nd Tim. singing and prayer, after which prayer was
also offered by F.E. Zechiel. F.E. Zechiel was
then appointed Secretary. All the brethren on the
Dist. were present except Timothy Carroll. to wit:

D.S. Oakes, S.B. Kring, J.F. Bockman, E.E. Myers
J.M. Dustman, R. Raney, W.H. Mygrant, W. Ackerman
Geo. Roederer, D.D. Speicher, H.H. Reinoel,
S. Hoffman, J.H. Evans, F.E. Zechiel.

Leave of absence for special causes were granted the
following:

D.S. Oakes for Wednesday P.M. & evening
J.M. Dustman for Thurs. P.M.
J.F. Bockman " " all day

1. The time of daily sessions was fixed, to wit:
A.M. 8. till 11:30 P.M. 1:30 till 5 o'clock
2. The time limit for speeches was fixed at 5 minutes
and twice speaking on same subject.
3. D.D. Spangler of Elkhart-Dist-was received as
and advisory member.
4. Resolved, that we have a question drawer to be
opened at call of the convention.
5. The treatment of Subjects by the essayists to whom
they were respectively assigned was now taken up
as follows:

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- 1) "District Conventions: Their design and benefits: A comparison of the past with the present" by D.S. Oakes. A brief history of the beginning of these conventions in the Ind. Conf. dating back nearly 30 years was given, with their design & benefits as also a comparison drawn of the past with the present. Remarks followed by Ackerman, Mygrant, Speicher, Bockman, Myers, etc.
- 2) "Justification by Faith:" by S. Hofferbert. Remarks were made by Ackerman, Myers, Roederer & others. The doctrine of the essay was concurred in.
- 3) The subject assigned to bro. Carroll was opened for discussion, in bro C's absence, by D.D. spangler and further discussed by Kring, Ackerman & others.

A letter from bro. Carroll was read, whereupon on motion the following was passed
 Resolved that the P.E. be enjoined to reprove bro Carroll for not attending personally nor complying with the demands of the program of the meeting.

A collection of \$2.29 was taken to defray the expense of publishing programs.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Resolutions: D.D. Speichr, J.H. Evans & S. Hofferbert.

The A.M. Session adjourned with prayer by W. Ackerman.

P.M. Session-(First Day)

Opened by S. B. Kring with reading 1. Tim. 2. Chap. Prayer was offered by H.H. Reinoehl & J. M. Dustman.

- 4) "Christian Testimony: Its personal benefits and

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its effects upon the world." was treated in essay by J.M. Dustman. It was pronounced very good.

5) J.F. Brockman read an essay on: "What are the present essential needs of the church?" The disease of the Church was dignosed & the remedy suggested. Criticisms were offered by Ackerman, Myers & many others. It was lively.

6) "Our Church: Its inherent condition and effectiveness: Past, present & probable future." This subject was treated orally by S.B. Kring giving a sketch of the Church from its beginning, speaking also as he passed along of the condition of her members & their efficiency. Remarks were subjoined by Ackerman, Evans, Bockman & others. Deep feeling was evinced by all during the address & discussions.

7) W.H. Mygrant, by essay, treated the subject: "Can the doctrine of 'Free Will' and Rom. 9. 13-23 be harmonized? How?" On motion of W. Ackerman it was voted that the author send in the essay for publication in the Ev. Mess.

8) "Is there any danger of the Christian Church becoming too formal? If so what are the signs of danger?" This subject was treated by R. Rainey in a brief, concise way. Remarks followed by Myers & others.

P.M. Session adjourned with prayer by W.H. Mygrant.

Second Day A.M. Session

Opened by D.S. Oakes with reading the 80 Psalm, singing & prayer. Prayer was also offered by R. Rainey.

9) The minutes of the previous day were read and approved; The order of proceading was then continued.

9) "Final Judgment" was treated by H.H. Reinoehl with a good & appropriate essay, setting forth the certainty & necessity of a Final judgment, as also giving a description of it. Speicher, Roederer, Ackerman & others followed with remarks.

10) Geo. Roederer read an able essay on: "The relation between a pastor and his people." The pastor's relation was expressed in the terms "Teachers" "Fathers", "Builders," "Feed", "Guide," "Guard." Remarks followed by Ackerman, Kring & others.

No. 526 in H.B. was sung.

11) "An Exegesis of 1 Jno. 5. 6-8" was given orally by W. Ackerman, and quite ably. Remarks were made by Myers & Rainey.

12) F.E. Zeichiel, in essay form, treated the subject: "True efficiency & effectiveness of a Minister." Remarks by Myers, Roederer, Speicher & others followed. On motion the essay was ordered to be sent in for publication in the Ev. Mess.

The "Question Drawer" was now opened and some interesting & important questions drawn.

A.M. Session adjourned with prayer by S. Hofferbert.

P.M. Session (Second Day)

Devotional exercises were conducted by W.H. Mygrant; Reading part of Rom. 8., prayer was offered by him and D.D. Dpeicher

13) "The importance of revival meetings and the best methods of conducting them." was the subject ably treated by J.H. Evans. He insisted on a revival in the heart of each Christian as the source of a revival. The importance to many classes was

set forth & methods were suggested. Myers, Reinoehl & others added remarks.

14) "An Exegesis of Rom. 8. 18-23" in writing, was quite ably given by E.E. Myers. It was quite warmly discussed, a number participating.

15) D.D. Speicher read an excellent essay on "The Flatterer and the Slanderer: The character & work of each; What are the similarities and dissimilarities between the two?" The author was requested to have it published.

II The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:
Whereas, We are conscious of the fact that we are lacking in spirituality, and consequently our work is only in part successful, and
Whereas, God in a measure has forsaken us because we have in part forsaken Him; therefore

Resolved, 1. That we will seek pardon by humbly penitently turning unto Him until we again have a realization of His divine approval.

2. That we will as far as practicable return to the footsteps of the fathers in fasting, reading the Scriptures upon our knees, praying for one another, speaking evil of none, especially not of the brethren in the ministry.

3. That we will endeavor to make our conferences, conventions, etc. upper chambers in which we will become endowed with power from on high, and that we will not look upon them as being calculated only for business or for intellectual training.

4. That we will not only be hearers but also doers of that which we have heard.

5. That we deem it absolutely necessary for every minister of the district to be present at these conventions unless unavoidably circumstances hinder us.

6. That we deem it a great privilege to had our worthy P.E. D.S. Oakes, in our midst, and that we highly appreciate his efforts in bringing about and so ably conducting this convention.

7. That we heartily thank our dear people of Decatur for their kind hospitality towards us, and we trust that God will richly reward them for it.

12. The minutes of the day's proceedings were read and approved.

13. The convention adjourned with prayer by D.S. Oakes.

On Monday evening prior to the Conventions H.H. Reinhohl preached: On Tuesday evening G. Roederer preached to the Y.P.A. convention. (See Proceedings of that Con.) On Wed. evening D.D. Speicher preached, and on Thursday evening J.H. Evans preached, and a blessed communion Service was engaged in by all, conducted by the P.E. of the Dist.

F.E. Zeichiel, Secretary.

Transcribed because of convenience by
D.J. Oakes.

Y. P. A. Convention, Ft. Wayne Dist.

The Young People's Alliance of Fort Wayne, Dist. Ind. Conf. met in first convention in the Evangelical church, Decatur, Ind. Oct. 4, 1892.
opening.

1. Rev. S.B. King, pastor, opened the meeting at 9 A.M. by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer followed in prayer by Rev. R. Raney

Organization

2. On motion of D.S. Oakes, S. B. Kring was chosen temporary chairman, and then proceeded to effect a permanent organization resulting as follows: Geo. Roederer was elected chairman & J.M. Dustman Secretary.

Reportorial

3. The Secretary was requested to report for the city papers and the Ev. Mess. both for this & the ensuing Ministerial Convention

Who to be member.

4. On motion it was decided that all the ministers of the District and all members of local Alliances present be considered as members of this convention and shall be entitled to vote. And all members present from local alliances shall be considered as delegates to this convention.

Com. on Res.,

5. The following committee on Resolutions was appointed: W.H. Mygrant, Wm. Mertz, A. Van Camp, Jennie Patterson, Fanny North.

Mygrant's subject.

6. W.H. Mygrant addressed the convention quite lengthily on the Subject: "What is the object of our Denominational Alliance?" The subject was well presented & was followed in discussion by Evans, Oakes & Bockman.

A.S. Elsey's Subject

7. In the absence of A.S. Elsey to whom the Subject, "The duty of Church Members to the Alliance" was assigned, E.E. Myers was appointed to open the discussion thereon at a later period of the Convention.

Decatur Ind. Oct. 4th 1892

8 Patterson's Essay

Jennie Patterson read an essay on the Subject: "The present and future possibilities of the Y.P.A."

A discussion ensued: Myers, Bockman, Oakes and others participating.

9 Ques. Drawer

On motion it was decided to have a question drawer this P.M. between 3 & 4 o'clock.

Forenoon Session closed with prayer by S. Hofferbert.

P.M. Session

The afternoon session was opened by D.S. Oakes with scripture reading, singing & prayer, D.D. Spangler & J.M. Dustman also led in prayer.

10 Myers' address

E.E. Myers spoke on the subject-as per paragraph 7" followed by Kring, Mertz, Ackerman & others.

11 D.D. Spangler from the Elkhart Dist was received as an advisory member of the Con.

12 Zechiel's address, singing

F.E. Zechiel delivered an address on "The Alliance Department; Its phase of work and how to be conducted" At this juncture all joined in singing "Hiding in Thee". Ev. H.B. 525. After which the above subject was further discussed by Ackerman, Kring & Roederer.

13 Mertz' essay

Wm. Mertz read an essay on: "How Should Local Alliances be held as to Time, Order, Exercises, etc.?" Remarks followed by Ackerman, Zeichiel & Evans.

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14. Ques. Drawer.

The "Question Drawer" was opened. Answers were given by various members. It was interesting.

15. North's Essay

Fanny North read an essay on: "The duty & responsibility of a Local Alliance member. It was further discussed by Myers & Ackerman and a general hearty endorsement of the essay was given.

16 The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Inasmuch as it has entered the mind of the P.E.

of Ft. Wayne District to devote one day in

Convention of the Y.P.A., which was very wise,

and has been very profitable to all:

Therefore Resolved:

1st That we, Your Committee, encourage the holding of such conventions in the future.

2nd That each Local Alliance send one or more delegates to each annual convention of the Alliance.

3rd That we are thankful for having been able to attend this convention and will with the knowledge received here put forth more zeal, and work with more courage in promoting the welfare of our beloved Y.P.A.

4th That we believe it to be the duty of every pastor to organize Alliances wherever practicable and not Y.P.S.C.E.

5th That we encourage Conf. branches in each of the Conferences of the Ev. Asso. where not already organized & trust the day is not distant when there will be such an organization in each conference.

6th That we as an Alliance become more energetic and zealous in the circulation of our Church Periodicals.

7th We your committee would recommend the study of our Church History, as part of the literary work of the Alliance.

8th Resolved, that we make an extra effort in the ensuing year to encourage the Missionary Spirit to help cancel the Missionary debt.

9th Resolved, that we as members of this Y.P.A. convention tender our sincere thanks to this society for the kind entertainment extended to us while in their midst.

W.H. Mygrant
Jennie Patterson
Fanny North
A Van Camp
Wm. Mertz

Committee

In the evening Rev. Geo. Roederer of Celina Circuit preached an able & interesting discourse to the Alliance from PS "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?"

Thus ended the 1st Y.P.A. Con. of Ft. Wayne, Dist.

The following were present & attended the Convention.

(1) Ministers

S.B. Kring	D.S. Oakes	J.M. Dustman
Geo. Roederer	W.H. Mygrant	E.E. Myers
J.H. Evans	H.H. Reinoehl	S. Hofferbert
R. Raney	D.D. Speicher	J.F. Brockman
W. Ackerman	F.E. Zeichiel	D.D. Spangler

(2) Laity

Wm. Mertz
 Jennie Patterson
 Fred Heiss
 Mrs. Dustman
 Chas. Fuhrman
 Libbie Linn

Fannie North
 Tena Baumgartner
 Mary Heiss
 Mich. Brodbeck
 Esther Wortz
 Mrs. Linn

C. Knieriem
 Lizzie Norrick
 Mrs. Zechiel
 H. Fuhrman
 Anna Winnes
 Sidney Elsey

and others.

J. M. Dustman
 Sec.

Transcribed because of convenience
 by D.S. Oakes

REMINISCENT By Rev. D.S. Oakes

In eighteen hundred sixty two
 I started out to preach,
 Having nothing else in view
 But Gospel truth to teach;
 To win poor wandering ones to God,
 Believers to edify;
 The riches of Christ to spread abroad
 and Him to glorify.
 I did not seek the world's applause,
 Nor self to aggrandize,
 But to promote His glorious cause,
 And fine favor in His eyes.
 I was meak and incompetent,
 Dificient in many ways,
 But humbly trusting forth I went
 Relying on God's grace.
 I tried to preach but once before
 I went to conference;
 It was to me a trial sore
 To face the audience
 Composed of Christians not a few,
 Class leaders three or four,
 And the Presiding Elder too
 with several preachers more;
 And there were my associates
 Of youth and boyhood days
 With nearly all my church classmates
 To criticize or praise
 The sermon was not over long,
 And sure not o'er profound;
 The argument not striking strong,
 Though based on Scripture ground.
 When I was through the Elder closed
 With exhortation strong,
 With fervent-prayer that all enthused
 And soul inspiring song.
 The time I surely ought to tell,
 'Twas on a Sunday e'en;
 The date I too remember well.
 'Twas August seventeen.

In Matthew's gospel was my text,
 The Master's counsel terse,
 Contained in Chapter twenty sixth,
 And the forty-first verse.
 Thursday the tenth of September,
 How well I remember!
 We seven did start
 Six miles north of Elkhart,
 To Conference way down
 At East Germantown:
 There were J. Fisher and I,
 J.M. Gorner, A. Nicolai,
 C. Ude P. Thornton,
 And M. Speck the seventh one
 Four buggies for seven
 Our number was uneven
 So having a rig of my own
 I rode mostly alone;
 But once in awhile,
 The time to beguile,
 My friend Peter T.
 Would come and ride with me.
 The first day till noon
 We reached New Paris town
 Where we all got our dinners
 At good brother Zimmer's;
 We were then delayed an hour
 By a good thunder shower,
 But yet before night
 Reached Warsaw all right
 Where all night we remained,
 Being well entertained.
 Next day all went well
 And we reached Immanuel
 Where friends were awaiting
 To attend a quarterly meeting
 As Fisher had arranged for,
 Here we met a number more
 Preachers, who from thence
 Like, we were going to Conference.
 Monday found us enroute again

To the Capital city on the train
 Tuesday, with our number swelled,
 We reached where conference was held.
 When the Conference began,
 Presided o'er by Bishop Long,
 All proceedings were in German,
 And the preaching, every sermon.
 Business progress was but slow;
 What a contrast then and now!
 Then every little business question
 Was discussed in open session:
 Now no matter is long conferred
 But to "Committees" is referred.
 From active work five men withdrew,
 While only three came in anew;
 Those were Scheille, Bretsch and Ruh,
 And Burgener and Geisel too:
 These were Thornton, Dasbel and I,
 The Vacant places to supply.
 But before the year was gone
 I of these was left alone:
 Thornton shortly homeward hied,
 And Dassel he took sick and died.
 I was sent to a circuit large
 Papa Alsbach having charge
 Our field extended far and wide,
 Three hundred miles per round to ride:
 Twenty odd points we had to reach,
 'Most every day we had to preach:
 With endless visits to be made
 We had but little time to read.
 My studying was largely done
 Upon the road, when all alone.
 Many lived in cabins rude
 With conveniences crude
 But often courteous and kind
 To hospitality inclined.
 Our services we mostly had,
 In schoolhouse, cabin, barn or shed:
 When we held them after night
 Tallow candles gave us light.

Oft we used for public meeting
 The same room for cooking, eating,
 Entertainment, laundry, sleeping,
 And for general housekeeping.
 Only three churches in all our round,
 Where twenty five now are found.
 Alsbach was a noble soul,
 True as needle to the pole:
 Like a father he seems to me,
 We worked in perfect harmony.
 His preaching, though in doctrine sound
 Was not regarded as profound,
 Nor textual, nor topical,
 Nor yet in general practical,
 But earnestly devotional,
 Exhortative, emotional.
 This preaching was his idea,
 As often he expressed to me,
 "What text is of but little merit,
 If you only have the Spirit."
 Poor Man! He had his troubles sore;
 For one his health was rather poor.
placed him in such a plight,
 He sometimes could not sleep at night;
 At other times rheumatic pain
 Caused him much suffering again.
 Another source of misery
 Was absence from his family;
 They chose upon their farm to stay,
 Which was some forty miles away,
 And though he frequently went home,
 (which caused severe complaint with some)
 'Twas not as if he could be there
 Always, and have more present care
 Helping his wife the burdens bear
 In their general welfare.
 His eldest son had gone to war,
 Although his years were scarce a score;
 This left his wife mostly alone
 With a young girl and half-grown son.

The times were hard, the country rent
 With difference of sentiment
 About the war then being waged,
 And which the North and South engaged:
 Nevertheless the Lord did bless
 And crown our work with some success,
 And so the weeks and months rolled on,
 Till the eventful year was gone.
 Again to conference, with joy,
 We went, in Marshall Illinois.
 Bishop Orwig presided here;
 The business was dispatched with care.
 When the appointments were read out
 And every man received his lot
 I was assigned to be alone
 On a Mission, Huntington.
 Eight appointments the work embraced;
 One was dropt ere the year was passed.
 The year was fraught with many a joy,
 But joys come not without allow:
 There were trials not a few
 And some strong temptations too.
 I had no visible success
 Which did my spirit much distress
 (However next year made it plain
 That my work was not in vain,)
 And tempted me to quit the field,
 To which I was inclined to yield,
 Because it seemed my duty clear;
 So near the ending of the year
 I wrote, informing my P.E.
 That he need not count on me
 As one yet standing in the line
 When next the men they did assign.
 But ere the year was fully closed
 My mind was other wise disposed
 So I resolved to go ahead
 And in the way of duty tread;
 So in September Sixty four
 I went to conference once more;

'Twas held in the Metropolis
 The city of Indianapolis:
 Bishop Esher here presided;
 And our minds were soon decided,
 By his counsels and his teaching,
 By his business tact and preaching,
 That he was the right selection
 In the Episcopal election
 Here I had deacon's orders voted,
 And to that office was promoted,
 By the Bishop's installation,
 And the rite of ordination.
 St. Mary's circuit was my decree,
 Which I accepted graciously
 Although (but I didn't know it then*
 It had obtained the cognomen
 Of "thi Circuit of Punishment."
 So to my work with joy I went,
 Seven preaching points I found;
 Seventy miles travel in a round:
 With four churches, which was more
 Than ever I had had before.
 At every point I had a few
 Veteran members, tried and true.
 The Savior drew some hearts to Him
 Especially at Bethlehem
 I there beheld displays of power
 As I had never seen before.
 Nor ever since in same degree
 As I was there allowed to see:
 A mighty, sacred Holocaust,
 A veritable Pentecost.
 Strong men fell down upon the floor,
 And loud for mercy did implore
 Converting power came down amain
 And proved their pleadings not in vain
 Others shouted, leaped and praised
 And thus a holy tumult raised.
 There had been naught emotional,
 But quiet, deep devotional;
 'Twas sudden like a lightening flash
 Followed up by thunder crash

All were constrained to praise or pray
 Except two boys who ran away
 Of these 'twas said they ran with haste
 As if by unseen Spirits chased.
 St. Joseph District then took in
 What now is Elkhart and Fort Wayne.
 This territory I canvassed o'er
 As a "Conference collector,"
 In connection with my charge
 Which now would be considered large
 I had much mud to travel through
 and heat and cold: Hard labor too.
 But after all, as you shall see,
 It was a blessed year for me
 For here I found a joy of life
 The girl who later became my wife.
 When the year had come to end
 I went to conference at South Bend:
 And we heard our disposition
 I was sent to Spring Grove Mission:
 "Twas a Mission lone and small;
 Eleven members, that was all.
 Two appointments for a start
 In school houses twelve miles apart.
 The members too were separate
 At one place three at 'tother eight.
 One school house I soon exchanged
 For a good church, and so arranged
 That we could use it free of charge.
 At first the attendance was not large
 But ere the year to end was brought
 A change in this respect was wrought.
 "Twas providential, I've no doubt,
 In this way It was brought about
 When first I for the church applied
 A young man there the work decried:
 The ministry he villified,
 And christian character minified,
 By which my soul was sorely tried:
 He in the spring took sick and died.
 The family was large and rich,

Their influence afar did reach.
 To preach the funeral I was called,
 At which my heart at first appalled,
 But I resolved to preach the word
 So if they ne'er before had heard
 They now should hear the gospel plan
 Which God provides for sinful man,
 Whereby he may Salvation have
 And endless life beyond the grave.
 The dead I'd leave with God to deal
 And to the living I'd appeal
 When I arose the throng to face
 I was enabled by God's grace
 In that, to me, important hour
 To speak with unction and with power
 The word with favor was received
 And good impressions, I preceived
 Were made on many: And from thence
 I did not lack an audience .
 But as I seek not fame nor glory
 I'll here abruptly stay my story
 Should whim possess perhaps I may
 Resume my tale some other day

An old Fossil
 (Rev. D.C. Oakes)

The
Secretary Book
of the
Noble County
Bible Society

On page 5 It will be seen that I. J. Emery Fisher was instructed to write to Rev. Mr. Munn now of Big Rapids formerly of this place, to ascertain the whereabouts of the secretaries Book of this society, and if no information could be had of it to purchase one.

I wrote to Mr. Munn, also to Rev. Mr. Lynch now of Union City concerning the Book. Mr. Lynch wrote that he knew nothing of the Book never having had it. I received no reply from Mr. Munn and after waiting a long time I was advised, by Society to buy this book.

J. Emery Fisher
Sec. Pro. Tem.
N. C. B. S.

Kendallville Aug. 28, 1871

Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, Indiana
July 30, 1871

After proper announcement, the Kendallville & Vicinity Bible Society held its annual meeting in Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. Thompson, Agent (State) for the American Bible Society was in the chair. Rev. Wm. Willson acted as Secretary.

After reading Scripture & prayer Bro. Willson made a few remarks on Bible.

Rev. J. E. Fisher, James Bunyan; were appointed a committee on nomination for officers for the ensuing year Andrew Woods, County agent who had just canvassed the County made his report. No. of families visited 1152. Total receipts \$275.57. (The report is at page 240) Treasurer made his report.

Value of Books at last report \$171.14. Books received \$236.34. Total \$407.48. Sold during the year 73.10 (with decrease of the prices) value of books on hand now \$334.38. The indebtedness of the Society at N. Y. is \$375.30. Subtracting the amount paid leaves \$193.00

Value of Book on hand	334.38
The whole assets of the Soc.	

after debt paid	141.38
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(For full statements see Rep't of the Treas.)

The State Agent then gave us a talk on the object condition & results of the American Bible Society. He was followed by Rev. and Re. who were present and made a few remarks.

The committee on Nominations reported, and their report was adopted and the officers for the ensuing year are Pres. John Mitchell, Vice Pres. (The ministers in the place) Sec. Samuel Willson, Treas. W. & J. Bunyan.

Executive committee. From the M.E. Church John Weston from the Pres. Church J. Nellis. from the Baptist Church Cox, from the Christian Church, Boyington. from the Albright Church from the German Methodist, A collection was taken up & sang the song muter (?) Doxology & dismissed with the benediction by Rev. J. Thompson State A. A. B. S. Rev. W. Willson Sec.

W & J Bunyan's Drug Store

July 31, 1871

The officers or a quorum of the officers met this morning to transact busi appertaining to the interest of Kendallville & Vicinity Bible Society.

President being absent Rev. W. Willson was made chairman, and Rev. J. Emery Fisher Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Andrew Wood, who had just canvassed the county in the name of this society was called upon to make his report.

The report showed that he had worked up the field to the satisfaction of the officers of the society. Some of the difficulties in the way of a complete success are Denominational Differences. Dunkards refused to pay through out the whole county. Want of fidelity in the preceeding agent was a detriment to his work. He had not fullfilled his promises A'd the people did not like to trust another. Another difficulty was to get Local Agents to take hold of the work. Another difficulty. It was in a time of year (just before harvest) when people were very destitute of money. Yet he was met every where with greatest cordiality and all with a very few exceptions would do all that they could (for statistics of the report see it at P 240)

The report was adopted. On motion by Bro. Thompson (State Ag't) the name of this society was changed from Kendallviole & Vicinity to the Noble County Bible Society (to have its head quarters at Kendallville)

Miss Emma Woodrough Albion, was promised a certificate by the former agent for services rendered the Society and she

never received one. It was ordered that the proper officers sine a certificate and forward it to her. And to any others who may be entitled to one.

The society ordered. "That no certificate hereafter be promised to local agents, by cancessers without the authority of the officers of the society. It was moved and carried that all certificate must be Signed by the Pres. and Secretary in their own handwriting.

The Secretaries book being lost the sec. pro. tem. was authorized to write Rev. Mr. Munn concerning the book and if no information could be had, to purchase one.

On motion adopted. All promise made by Mr. Wood (our agent) be here by Sanctioned.

On Motion the Treasurer, was authorized & ordered to pay Mr. Wood for services rendered in behalf of this Society. A vote of Thanks was tendered to our agent for his thorough work in this county. On motion the officers of this society determined to meet quarterly

Moved to ajourn till the first Monday evening of November 1871

Rev. W. Willson
Pres. Pro. Tem.

J. Emery Fisher
Sec. Pro Tem

John Mitchell Pres.
Samuel Willson Sec.

At the Request of Rev. C.H. Gasser of Angola Indiana Meeting of the Officers of the Kendallville & Vicinity Bible Society was called to meet at the store of Messr W & J R Bunyan.

Present

John Mitchell President of the Society)	
Rev. E.L. Kiplinger of the Albright Church	(nice
" Wm Willson M.E.)	preachers
" A. Sathace Baptist	(
" Andrew Myer German M.E.)	

Samuel A. Willson Sec.

J.R. Bunyan Treasurer

Rev. C.H. Gasser presented a Letter from Rev. John Thompson State Agent of the American Bible Society recommending

Rev. C.H. Gasser as an efficient canvasser.

On Motion of Rev. Wm. Willson, it was Resolved to employ Rev. C.H. Gasser of Angola Indiana to canvass this county, to collect Funds by Donation and sale of Books and supply destitutes with Bibles in behalf of This Society.

On Motion of Rev. Wm. Willson it was Resolved that this Society authorize Rev. C.H. Gasser to Purchase fifty dollars worth of Books at Fort Wayne Indiana to be by him sold while canvassing This County.

It was also thought Best by the members of this Society present that Mr. Gasser use his own judgement as to the time, He should spend in the canvas of the County, Bearing in mind all the time that a thorough canvass is wanted and yet Reduce the Debt on the Society.

Kendallville, Indiana

July 24 - 1872

John Mitchell Pt.

S.A. Wilson Sec.

Kendallville, Ind. Oct. 6th 1872 (?)

Noble County Auxiliary Bible Society met at Mitchell Hall. Officers present. John Mitchell, Pres, Vice Presidents, Pastors of the Churches, Goodman of the Presbyterian, Wilson of the M.E. Church & Boggs of the Christian. J.R. Bunyan, (Depositor and Librarian) Treas. Rev. John Thompson State agent present in the chair. (As the meeting was called at the close of the Sunday School union it was not opened with prayer) Song by the choir and congregation and an address by Rev. Thompson, agent. Former officers re-elected Librarian and Treas. report read. See report. Motion prevailed to receive & adopt report of C. Gasser Canvasser Adjourned. S.A. Wilson Sec.

Kendallville Ind. Nov. 1st 74

Noble County Aux. Bible Society met at the Presby. Church. The Officers meeting with Rev. Goodman in the Chair. Scripture lesson read by Rev. Lipes 98th Hymn by Rev. Goodman, and song by the congregation, the Choir leading - after which Rev. Ervin lead in prayer, Sec. read re-

port. J.R. Bunyan being Treasurer & Librarian read his report. C.W. Gasser, Canvassing agent, read his report and made some remarks to the audience. Motion prevailed that the former officers continue to hold their respective office. Pres. John Mitchell; Vice presidents, Pastors of the Churches; Sec. S.A. Wilson Treasurer & Librarian J. R. Bunyan, Executive board, J.R. Baker M.E. Church, James Nellis Pres. W.H. Coc, Bap. G.P. Alexander, Christian, F Seiderling Ger Meth Jacob Ackerman, German Evangel Chas Brust Lutheran

A short address by the State agt, H.H. Benson followed by Rev. Lipes, Rev Ervin & Rev Goodman. Collection taken \$3.63 Missionary hym by the choir and adjourned

S.A. Wilson Sec.

The following is the treasurers report.

The annual report of the Kendallville & Vic Bible Society centering at Kendallville in Noble County State of Ind. for the year ending with annual meeting held at K- on the 1st of ? 1874

1st treasury

Money on hand at beginning of year 4.45 paid collecting & disbursing

Recd for Books Sold during yr.	89.40	agents	139.50
" from collections & donations	227.84	other expenses	
	<u>321.69</u>		23.68
		Cash on hand at close	
		of year	<u>158.51</u>
			321.69

2 Depository

Val of Books at Commencment of yr	187.28	Books sold	
" " " we col during yr	156.90	during yr	89.40
	<u>344.18</u>	" to Life	
		members	2.00
		" donated	60.55
		Reduction in	
		price	10.00
		Books on	
		hand	<u>191.23</u>
			344.18

No of Churches cooperating	30
" " " not "	1
" " col agts	1
" of famils ?	1782
" " " found destitute	81
" supplied	7
" children supplied	11
" Schools supplied	1

Kendallville Ind Sept 10 1876

The annual meeting of the Kendallville & Vicinity Bible Society met at the M.E. Church Rev. D.P. Hartman in the Chair After singing- Prayer and reading the Scriptures the minutes of the last meeting of Society were read and approved. The report of the treasurer was made and approved.

On Motion the officers of the Society were reelected as follows

John Mitchell President

The pastors of Churches Vice presidents

S.A. Wilson Sec

J.R. Bunyan treas An executive committee as follows

J.R. Baker Jas Nellis W U Cox Geo P Alexander, F. Siderland Jacob Ackerman & John Oerstadt

After which addresses were made by Rev. H.H. Benson Rev R S Goodman and D P Hartman. After singing and the Benediction the meeting adjourned. After which the executive committee met and concluded to employ Rev. Mr. Gasser canvassing agt to engage in a canvass of the territory of the Society

J.R. Bunyan Sec Pro Tem

The following is a report of the Treasurer

The Annual report of the Kendallville and Vicinity Bible Society for the year ending 11th Sept 1876

1st Treasury

Recd during the year for books Sold	56.35	
" from donations & collections	8.30	64.65
Paid Am Bible Society on Book act	6.85	
" other expenses	5.63	
" Cash on hand at close of yr	52.17	64.65

2 Depository value of Books in Dep beginning of yr	191.23	
Books to Life members A B S	6.00	
" sold in Depository	56.35	
" donated	8.20	
" reduction in price	5.84	191.23
" now on hand	114.84	<hr/>

Kendallville Ind. Dec. 4th 1876

Kendallville & Vicinity Auxiliary Bible Society called a meeting at Bunyans Store. Officers present John Mitchell Vice presidents Rev. Goodman Bassett of the Baptist R Faurot Christian Church G W Freehafer, Evangelicle By motion of Rev. Goodman, it was decided that Rev. Gasser canvass the territory. By consent, one thousand cards and envelopes ordered printed. There being no more business adjourned
S.A. Wilson Sec.

Jan 31st 1877

The officers of the Society were called to meet at Bunyans Drug Store. President John Mitchell present, Rev. D P Hartman Vice pres. J R Bunyan Treas & Rev. Gasser canvassing agent, Rev Gasser submitted his report. See report A motion prevailed to accept the report. By consent the society donated (\$5) Five dollars to Rev. Gasser on his statement that he was minus ten dollars from some unknown cause. (Gasser returned sixty one cents leaving the treasury funds ballanced) Moved and carried that Books be deposited with Skinner and Mendenhall of Albion, as a Branch Depository, adjourned.

S.A. Wilson Sec.

Annual Meeting

The Kendallville and Vicinity Auxiliary Bible Society held their Annual at Kendallville Indiana in the Presbyterian Church Sept 9th 1877. With the Pres J Mitchell in the Chair order of exercises were Singing, reading a Psalm, Prayer and singing Minutes of the meetings of the year read and approved report of Depository, and Treasurer read and

and approved on motion the officers of the Society were reelected as follows: John Mitchell President, The Pastors of Churches vice presidents S A Wilson Sec. J R Bunyan Depository and Treasurer.

Executive Committee

J.R. Baker, James Nellis W H Cox
G P Alexander, F Seiderland, Jacob Ackerman
John Oerstadt, followed by an address by Rev Goodman of the Presbyterian Church. by consent collections to be taken in the several churches at some future time.
Singing, benidiction and adjourned.

S.A. Wilson Sec.

A meeting of the Officers of the Society was held May 13th 1879 at Bunyan Drug Store. Depository and Treasurers report adopted, Rev. Goodman in the chair. Officers present Rev. Gillette, district agent vice presidents of Society Rev. Goodman Burwell Miller and Oakes. Some remarks by Rev. Gillette. adjourned.

S.A. Wilson Sec.

The following was printed in a booklet:

Kendallville Noble County Summary, &c.
Andrew Wood Agent
1871

To County Bible Agents:

The following pages have been prepared for your accounts with the Society for which you are laboring, and for annual exhibit, and are prefaced by the following remarks, that you may be at no loss how to make entries, or what to do with it when the effort in a county is completed;

You will of course fill out the blanks above with the name of the Society and with your own name, and be careful to date every entry. In the book account the amount of the bills are charged under the proper date, from time to time, as they are received, and the aggregate entered at the bottom of the column. On the opposite page are credited from time to time the books deposited with the branches, (those to each Society separately,) and at the close of the effort the books donated by you, and those returned, are also to be credited. The amount of the various credits is then subtracted from the amount received, and the difference is credited as books sold, which difference is also to be charged on the next page among the money received.

In the cash account is to be charged only what you receive at the time of your annual effort, and NOT what may have been received, or paid out by the Treasurer from other sources, as this is our account and not his. In this account, the sums from the different Societies are charged separately under the proper dates, and at the close of the effort, the money for books sold, which should always correspond with the amount credited, as sold in the BOOK account, as Agents and others are expected to account in cash for all books received which they cannot otherwise account for, whether they have the full amount entered in items as sold or not. The credits in the cash account should be as follows: 1st. The several sums, under

proper dates, which at various times you have paid to the County Treasurer. 2d. The amount retained for services - specifying the time spent, and the amount perday, or week or year, charged for it as percontract. 3d. The aggregate of the traveling and other expenses. 4th. The amount paid to the Treasurer and the time of settlement to balance the account, which amount will easily be learned by subtracting the sum of the previous credits from amount charged.

When the book and cash accounts are balanced, you will call off to the County Treasurer the amount of books delivered to, and cash received from, each Branch Society, and he will charge and credit them with the same in their accounts on his book. He will also charge himself with the money which you retain for services and expenses (as well as the cash which you pay him,) and credit himself with having paid the same amount to you, so that All of the receipts and expenditures may appear in his book and report. For the same reason, he should charge himself with having paid it to the A.B.S. These entries should not be omitted or deferred.

If the fiscal year of the Society closes with your labors, and the annual meeting is to be held before you leave, (which is usually the case,) you will assist the Treasurer in balancing his accounts, and then obtain from him items for the last page of this pamphlet. You will also either before or after your settlement with the County Treasurer make out, on the 6th and 7th pages, from your branch summaries, a County Summary, showing the results of your labors and the condition of the cause in the county, always adding the figures and setting down the amount. You will then make out on duplicate blanks two copies of your balanced accounts, summary and county items - retain the original for future reference, and handing one of the copies to the County Secretary, while you send the other to the General Agent of the Parent Society.

The Secretary should have one to lay before the Executive Committee, that they may see what you have accomplished-know that you have accounted for what you have received, and examine, and, if right, allow your charge for

services and expenses. The Secretary will also need items from it to embrace in his report and for publication, and hence it should be completed and handed to him some hours before the annual meeting. If the annual meeting is held before the close of the effort then a supplement should be added showing what is done afterwards.

The General Agent should have one from various reasons, among which is, that he may be able at the close of each year, from the information received from All of the County Agents, to make up a statement, showing the aggregate of time for which those Agents have been employed - the cost of their service - the amount of books sold, given and deposited, and the cash collected on the field.

Page 2

1871	County Agents	Dr	\$	CTs.
	(See First Page)			
June 7th	To Books of Co. Depository		10.12	
" 17	" " " " "		3.60	
22	" " " " "		2.80	
July 14	" " " " "		3.30	
			<u>19.82</u>	

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Names of County Officers Elected

John Mitchell	President
Rev. Wm. Wilson	(
Rev. J.E. Fisher) V. President
S.A. Wilson	Secretary
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1871	Book Account	Cr	\$	cts
June 13th	By Books given Swan SS		1.90	
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June 23rd	By Books given Allen SS		.80	
June 28th	By Books given Jefferson SS		1.80	
June 30th	By Books given Albion SS		0.00	

The Story of Ninety Years

Just ninety years ago on the 6th of May 1848, the First Presbyterian Church of Kendallville, Indiana, was organized. Thus we find the bare of fact given in the record. But what kind of a place was Kendallville in that early day? Weston A. Goodspeed says - - "Previous to the year 1832 no white man had made the present site of Kendallville his home, but every thing was just as it had been placed by the fashioning hand of the Creator". So we find the year 1848 just sixteen years distant from the first white settler. In 1848 there were about a dozen families living in the town. Virgin forest was everywhere, swamps were in abundance, and roads were for the most part non-existent or impassable except in the most favorable weather. One good road ran through the town north and south, extending from Ft. Wayne through Hometown, Lisbon, Kendallville South Milford, Union Mills and west to Ontario. This was the Lima or plank road built in 1837. It was made of eight foot oak planks one foot wide and three inches thick. There were neither school nor church buildings in existence as the first church building was erected in 1856 and the first school building in 1858.

Moreover, there were no free or public schools anywhere in the vicinity since previous to 1852 the schools were supported by individual subscription. There were no railroads; the road east and west being built in 1857 and the one north and south in 1873. Mail was delivered, but the postage rate was five cents for half ounce letters travelling under three hundred; ten cents over three hundred miles, with an increase of rate for every additional half ounce. There was no doctor as Dr. Cissel, who appeared in 1850, is said to be the first resident physician.

As far as the meager records show, there was no church in Kendallville at that time. The Baptists had an organization before that date but had died out by 1851, giving the impression that they were of little import in 1848.

The Methodist Church had organizations in the vicinity and may have had one in Kendallville, but the records give no clear evidence. Other churches came at a later date.

Thus we find the town when the Presbyterian Church was organ-

ized, quite possibly the only church organization within the limits of the present city of Kendallville at that time.

The little church then was started. We are told that it was organized by Dr. J.T. Bliss of Ft. Wayne Presbytery. Who he was, from whence he came, or whither he went still remains a mystery. Four charter members composed the church membership: Joseph Gruey, Mrs. Elizabeth Gruey, John Cosper, and Mrs. Anna Cosper. Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr united with the church at its first regular service. Picture this little group meeting from Sunday to Sunday. The first meeting place was a hall over a grocery and grog shop on the corner of Main and Rush Streets. Here other church groups met, but whether they were organized groups or not the records do not show. Can you visualize the little group, perhaps seldom more than a dozen sitting through the long service?

The Psalter would be used. Whether the congregation all used books or the hymns were "lined" we do not know. But of one thing we may be certain; the prayers were long, interminably long, and the sermons were a very eternity and always doctrinal and theologically sound.

But the people of that day evidently enjoyed it all and found inspiration in it. Thus for some eight years they must have continued to meet in the hall. Then in 1856 the Baptists who had come to life again built a frame church on the corner of Oak and Diamond Streets on a lot donated by William Mitchell.

This building came to be the meeting place of all religious groups.

Six ministers served the church from 1848 to 1870. Little is known about them. One, however, Rev. C. Forbes, left a lasting monument. He was pastor from 1856 to 1867. Thus he served during the trying days of the Civil War. That he served well may be taken for granted. But the outstanding event of his ministry was the building of the present church structure in 1863, just seventy-five years ago. The lot was donated by William Mitchell. This building was constructed by a carpenter, John C. Hill, and Elder of the church. The brick was made at a place some miles

southwest of Kendallville. That he built well is witnessed by the present good condition of the church after three quarters of a century. This building is the oldest church structure in Kendallville. The Evangelical Church erected a building according to the record in 1862, but later it was moved and turned into a dwelling. It is still standing across from the present Evangelical Church. The original Baptist Church was torn down a few years ago. This pastorate also marked the organization of the Ladies' Benevolent Society on June 18, 1857, which later developed into the Ladies' Aid Society.

During the eighty-one years since its organization this society has been of inestimable value in the work of the church. An old letter is of interest here. It was written at Kendallville, April 15, 1859, by Carrie T. Hutchison to Annie E. Clark. Part of the letter reads: "I arrived here safely on Wednesday evening after a very pleasant ride. Found my friends all well and very glad to see me. Kendallville is quite a large place. Some very pretty houses and three churches - two Methodist and a Baptist Church. The Presbyterians have no church of their own yet talk of building this summer. Mr. Forbes preaches in the Baptist Church every two weeks. He has been a Missionary to the Sandwich Islands. There are only sixty members in the Presbyterian Church".

When First built and for some years thereafter, the basement of the church was unfinished. The Auditorium was arranged with the pulpit to the east, a rather high one which lifted the preacher well above the congregation. In the back or west end of the church was a low gallery phonal singing was used and the Psalms chanted.

The steps to the auditorium were on the outside and the tower was surmounted by a graceful spire (the removal of which only stern necessity or some imp of evil could have accomplished.)

In 1871 Dr. R.S. Goodman became the pastor and remained until 1890, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. With Dr. Goodman the real historical period may be said to begin. He was of the old school even for his day, a scholar who read his Bible in the

Hebrew and Greek and Latin as well as the English.

A sermon on the Mode of Baptism preached in this church March 25, 1888, of which a printed copy is on file, would on the basis of the most careful estimate take a very rapid speaker something over an hour to deliver, while for a deliberate speaker the time would be from an hour and a half to two hours. It is typical of the sermons of that day. It is through and scholarly, and leaves nothing pretaining to the subject unsaid. A very interesting letter came to us from Miss Clara Gilbert which we quote in part. "Comes the ninetieth anniversary of our Church's founding. My own membership dates from 1901, but I lived close to the vivid years of Rev. Goodman's pastorate. So much atmosphere and tradition was handed down that I doubt whether any other span of time can compare with it in dramatic interest, so far as the church is concerned. Do you remember when the congregation faced the east? We gazed at the preacher as he bent over the elevated pulpit. If he had worn a flowing robe, my childish fancy pictured him exhorting sinners in the manner of a certain Art Journal Steel engraving of John Knox. The choir was in a boxed-off south east corner where Emma Wallace or Mrs. A.O. Hamilton presided at the walnut-beaded oak organ. Here sang Ella Foley Extine Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Olds, and the father of our own Mort Loomis. But to Rev. Goodman: a starched and stiff personality, oozing rigid scruples and uncompromising integrity. Not only the be-buttoned frock coat but the fact that he was a graduate of far-away Princeton, lent an aura of remoteness. A saga grew and grew, exaggerating his Puritanism into something comparable with New England of long ago. Once in a pulpit discourse he said, "I came across some of Charles Dicken's novels. How they found their way to my house, I do not know -- but I promptly burned them". Myron and Sarah and Julia and Clara had been browsing in forbidden pastures. Shades of the Covenanters! And yet, was this very different for Savonarola's bonfire of vanities in the Florentine Square? Do not think that there was no radiance in the Goodman regime. It was a social era outstanding.

The laboriously hand written Musicale program of the time attests it. Mrs. Goodman, the Intellectual, led the women through the mazes of Taine's English Literature - besides toiling endlessly at the duties of a pastor's wife. Amateur gardening of the present pales before the ordered flower beds of the Goodman backyard. Their wheel barrow so often loaned, bore the reminder "Take-me-Home" painted on its sides. Can I forget the frayed body-brussels parlor carpet, a marvel of floral design? It was characteristic of the times as the Sandwich Bellflower goblets used at the ten-cent church sociables. The children, or the hostesses of one of those affairs, in their romping overturned a burning lamp. It fell crashing from the organ - but the flame was promptly smothered with a table cloth. Cornmeal absorbed the kerosene spot on the rag carpet - and that chapter was closed. Can we forget the violets, the myrtle, and the moss in tangled luxuriance on the Williams Street shaded slope? Dusty Crumblings of those days have acquired a halo rich indeed".

A most interesting paper written by Mrs. Goodman gives a vivid touch to the life of those days. Time will permit the giving of only a few extracts. "It was in November, 1871 that Mr. Goodman accepted the invitation of this church to become its pastor. I have been looking through the diaries which Mr. Goodman kept during all those years and which no eye ever saw until he fell asleep. If there was ever a doubt in the mind of any one of his most earnest desire to work for the good of this people, I wish he might read those precious lines. "Strengthen me, O Lord, forever good word and work. God grant I may do much more in time to come." "Be thou faithful unto death" and similar sentences close many records. One day he writes 'Trying to do something day by day for the advancement of Christ's cause. But, Lord, without these I can do nothing.'

No man ever loved his work more or set his standard higher as a minister of the gospel of Christ. It was beaten oil he brought into the sanctuary. Conscious of a lack of that smartness which passes muster nowadays

as brilliant scholarship, he strove by diligent study and constant devotion to fit himself to be a safe guide to his people in things spiritual. It is impossible to speak of the many, many good books he read, while he devoutly studied the Holy Scriptures not only in English but in the Hebrew and Greek originals. Fifty-four times he had read his Greek Testament through by daily readings before he left Kendallville.

While he kept up his ability to read in Latin by a constant perusal of old authors, he added a course of modern French and German that he might study the writings of later men of thought.

In 1872 the first improvement was made to the church property by building a fence around it. At the end of our first year Mr. Goodman wrote - "Trustees and session met at the church to consult concerning finances. Found them improved since a year ago. Have bought and made provision for parsonage lot worth \$500. - and, by the way, the Ladies Society did that". The roll of the church at that time contained the names of seventy-five resident members and seventeen non-residents. Of the resident members only nineteen were males and fifty-six females.

About the year 1873 the place for the choir was changed from the rear of the church to the side of the pulpit. During all the years since the church was built the Sabbath School had met in the Audience room, as the basement was unfinished and a dark gloomy place. There was a stove in it and some chairs and a table, and in winter the little group which attended prayer meetings from week to week huddled around the stove, as it was too difficult and expensive to heat the room above. In the fall of 1874 the basement was finished. How the Ladies worked to cut carpet rags to make a carpet for the floor.

In the year 1875 the Ladies organized a Missionary Society. Rev. Mr. Coan of Persia visited us and so impressed our hearts that we began the work which has existed in some form to this day. But it was hard work the first ten years to keep much interest in the meetings. Often I went into the basement - started a fire, rang the bell - only to be disappointed. It may be two or three - sometimes no one. Five or six we considered a good number.

In November, 1875, the parsonage was completed. And right here let me pause to express my sense of what this church owed to Mr. A.B. Park in the construction of the parsonage of which you have good reason to be proud. Rev. George A. Mackintosh was the pastor from 1890 to 1901. It was during the year 1892 that the church was remodeled and the pipe organ installed. Also during this pastorate the activities among the young people were pronounced. In May, 1898, the church celebrated the semi-centennial of its organization. A most interesting and illuminating letter came to us from Dr. Mackintosh which we quote in part. "We went to Kendallville in 1890 and served the church until 1901. These years were the happiest years of our lives. We put the best years of our lives in the church and still think of it as our church. We are no longer the young people whom your church knew and we are afraid our friends would be disappointed if they saw us now. One of the first achievements the first year was the getting rid of the spittoons that were in every pew. They had really never been used much because none of the members chewed tobacco as far as I knew and especially in the church. I was not installed until the beginning of the second year. Dr. Moffat, pastor of the First Church of Ft. Wayne, preached the sermon. I remember him saying that he would not stay in a church where there were so many broken windows. I told him that I did not intend to preach in a church with so much ventilation and that I meant to have the windows fixed. It was in 1892 that I began to think seriously of improvements that would cost a lot of money. I talked this wherever I went. It was a blow to me to be told one morning that the Trustees had decided to raise \$200 for repairing the windows and a few other things but could not do all I wanted. I went to the leading man of the church and told him of my disappointment. I asked if he would object if I presented the matter to the church on the coming Sunday morning. He said he would object decidedly. I quietly suggested I meant to do it anyway. I immediately sent a letter to every family in the church saying I had plans for the church that I would present at the

morning service. They all came. The church was packed to the door. I presented the whole case as I saw it and asked for pledges. I said the improvements would be a new roof, all new glass, new pews, frescoing, new carpet and a new furnace, and the most startling thing of all to them was a pipe organ.

The Ladies' Aid Society had worked for years to raise enough money to buy a pipe organ, but the trustees had borrowed it all and spent it. They had given notes which of course were worthless.

We got more than \$2500 dollars in good pledges, and the trustees did all I asked and besides built an addition on the south for the pipe organ and choir, and furnished a room for the primary. The father of our Mort Loomis went to Elmira, N.Y. and saw to the purchase of a King pipe organ, which was perhaps the first pipe organ in Kendallville.

In the same year everything was done to make the Manse an up-to-date home for the minister, with a furnace, bath-room, porch in front of the house, painting on the inside, etc.

Rev. Alfred C. Ormond succeeded Dr. Mackintosh having charge of the work from 1902 to 1906. It was during his pastorate that the budget system was instituted. Only about fifty bunches of envelopes were required, and now this system has been so fully developed and proved so satisfactory that practically each member uses them. Articles of Association were drawn up and adopted, and the first church Manual printed. The Manual has been printed each year since then. Mrs. Ormond who now lives in Akron, Ohio, wrote-" The invitation to attend the celebration of the ninetieth anniversary of the Kendallville Presbyterian Church has been received. I deeply regret that I shall be unable to come. The program is very attractive, and I am sure that the events of the entire week will make the anniversary an occasion long to be remembered. Please give my kindest regards to the Arricks and to any of the old friends who may ask about me. I enclose a message to be read in my absence. I shall be there in spirit".

The message is as follows:

"To the First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, Indiana, The Rev. M.E. Runden, Minister. As you meet in observance of the ninetieth anniversary of the Kendallville Presbyterian Church may I unite with you in bearing grateful testimony to God's loving favor and to the manifold blessings of past years. During the years of my husband's pastorate in Kendallville we deemed it a great and happy privilege to have a part in the growth and development of the Church. The Church enters upon the last decade of its first century with a background of worthy achievements. My sons join me in extending kindest wishes to the pastor and people for the Church's continued and increasing usefulness. 'that shall stand which God hath wrought'. Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Alfred) Edna P. Ormond."

Rev. A. Judson Arrick was the pastor from 1907 to 1912. During those years the growth of the church was such as to make evident that additional room would soon have to be provided. Sunday School activities were pronounced, especially the primary department. It was during Mr. Arrick's pastorage that the Men's Bible Class was organized. An interesting item from the records of the session shows that in April, 1909, the pastor, Mr. Arrick, suggested the need of more adequate provision for the Sunday School. At several succeeding meetings the minutes show a similar item. Thus for over three years the matter went. The improvment would come, but thus far it had not advanced beyond the talking stage. McCray left a bequest of \$500 to be used in erecting a Sunday School room. Not during the pastorate of Mr. Arrick, nor that of his successor did the improvement come. But surely they laid the foundation upon which others built. Dr. Arrick writing of this, said, "When I became pastor there were just four men, outside of the superintendent, in the Sunday School. One of these was a teacher. The three agreed to organize a Men's Bible Class, I agreeing to take the class until another teacher could be found. Thirteen weeks after the class was started they organized with thirteen members, applied

for a Charter from the State S. S. Association, and when the Charter came it was number thirteen. The class continued to grow and Mr. Southwick became the teacher. Mrs. Arrick was elected as teacher of the Women's Bible Class which Madame Bunyan had taught many years, but from which she wished to be relieved. The two classes grew until it found necessary to move them to the main auditorium. The superintendent of the Junior Department. Madame McCray was interested in the matter of enlarging the Sunday School quarters and questioned me one day regarding the beginner's department, which was located in a dark room by the coal bin. I do not know whether it was this which caused her to leave the bequest or not."

At This point Dr. A.J. Arrick, who was present at the service, made some fitting and interesting remarks.

Rev. M.V.P. Yeaman came in 1913 and was pastor of the church for a little over a year. During this time plans for the addition to the church were made and a committee appointed to draw up plans and solicit pledges for the financing of the work. Thus the way was prepared for the extensive additions which took place during the pastorate of Rev. D.C. Trusedale. Rev. Yeaman sent a letter to be read in his absence.

"My dear Brother Runden: -

I thank you for your kind invitation to be present and participate in the coming celebration of the founding of the Kendallville Church. While I fear that I shall not be able to come, I will let you know definitely later. If I am not present please be sure to convey to the congregation my most affectionate christian greetings. I can never forget their many and uniform kindnesses to me and mine during my pastorate there. They always co-operated most harmoniously during every day of my stay among them. May God bless you all in every way is the sincere prayer of a former pastor, now old and retired from the active work but with a heart full of love and good wishes for you all.

Yours fraternally,
M.V.P. Yeaman"

Rev. D.C. Truesdale was pastor from 1915 to 1918. During his pastorate, in the fall of 1915 the Brotherhood room and the kitchen were built, and in the spring of 1916 the addition to the north of the church was completed. At this time, the outside steps taken away and placed on the inside. Also a new heating plant was installed, all of the improvements being made at a cost of \$8552. Rev. Truesdale, being present, made appropriate remarks at this point.

Rev. J.T. Orton came to take up the work in 1918. It was a trying period because of national disturbances. From our church congregation twenty-nine names were placed on the Roll of Honor. Two of these now have gold stars at their names. Both by word and deed, so far as he was able, the pastor kept himself and the members of the congregation at the highest point of patriotism. Rev. Mr. Orton had received a call to the church at Madison, Indiana. He had preached his last sermon in the church here. Shortly after reaching home he was stricken and in a very short time went on to labor in another realm for better than any he had ever known.

Rev. Thomas Penn Ullom was the efficient supply for about three months making many friends both for himself and the church. At this point Rev. Ullom spoke of the tasks facing the church today.

Rev. M.E. Runden became the pastor of the church in March 1923. In May of that year the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church was observed. In the spring of 1927 the church was greatly in need of renovation. This project called for extensive repairs, which in the end proved more costly than the interior decorating. The front of the auditorium needed improvement. The total cost of this work was over \$2200. Of this amount \$1000 was given by the Ladies' Aid Society. After the plans had been completed for this work a letter came from the State of Washington. It was from Mrs. Sarah Wetherell and contained a check for \$500 to be used for the church in a way we saw fit. Mrs. Wetherell was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, who united with the church at its first service after the organization in 1848.

This money was used to remodel the choir loft. The lights in the arch were changed to the indirect system, and the old metal rail with cloth curtain was replaced with a wood panel rail.

In 1929, after many years without a young peoples organization, a Tuxis Society was organized, which has continued to flourish since. The hard first years of this society remind me of the difficulty in starting the Missionary Society.

On December 18, 1931, while the children were in the basement practicing for the Christmas program, fire broke out in the roof of the church and damage to the extent of \$10,000 was suffered. The loss was fully covered by insurance, and in three months the church was wholly repaired. At this time the fireproof roof, the cushions in the pews, and the furnishings of the Brotherhood room was added. We regret that a total absence of so much as a line of record concerning the Sunday School makes it impossible to say but little except that the school has functioned all through the history of the church. We also regret that lack of time in the preparation of this history as well as in the reading of it made impossible the mentioning of the many faithful individuals who labored so splendidly through the years. We call attention to some of the smaller gifts to the church. What was perhaps the first pulpit Bible used in the new church building was the one presented by Mrs. H.H. Hitchcock in 1864. The second pulpit Bible was presented April 1911, by Henry I. Park and Frank Park, in memory of Amos and Mary Park. The last pulpit Bible, the one now in use, was presented in 1927 by Homer McCray in memory of his mother, Mrs. Amanda McCray. All of these three Bibles were beautiful in workmanship. The pulpit furniture was given by Mrs. John Mitchell, October, 1892, in memory of Mrs. William Mitchell and Mrs. John Weston.

"Rome City, May, 1874

M.F. Owen, our Railroad Agent and Telegraph Operator is one of the most mind-your-own-business kind of men we have ever seen or met.

Mr. Owen is always at his post night and day, industrious, honest and temperate.

He has supplied himself with a pretty organ and often discourses sweet strains of music.

He is never seen in rough company, and it is said that although he is very good natured, even the most side splitting joke cannot provoke him to smile.

Rome City justly feels proud of this man."

1854

The Post office was this year moved from Northport over to Rome, and still for some two years retained the name of Northport, Ind. A letter to Rome P.O. Northport, Noble County, Ind. written to Mrs. Ella Chapman by her mother Mrs. White from some place in New York proves this fact.

The U.S. Mail contractors these years were Angle and Orbison, and carried U.S. Mail from Ft. Wayne, Ind. to Sturgis, Mich. via Lisbon and Lima, Ind.

Through John Mitchel of Kendallville, Ind., John Winton was soon appointed Post Master of "Northport P.O. located in Rome." The office was opened in the Mansion House, then "Winton House" and the office soon moved to Rev. Jacob Clock residence on lot 9.

We have in our possession an old letter written to David Law, Postmaster, Northport, Ind. from Indianapolis, Ind. signed David Herriman, Representative to the State Legislature, from Noble County, wherein he states to his "Dear Friend Law" that notwithstanding Mr. Law's

intention and promise, should he receive the appointment as the new Postmaster at Rome, Ind. he would move over to Rome, that his (Law's) former reputation, would, he feared, preclude the appointment of Law as Postmaster for Rome City.

"The following being already partially covered by a tramp sketch by Samuel Alvord as a young man, might properly be placed under early schools and school teachers. Mr. Alvord relates that he came to Northport on a visit and stopped at Northport, on the north bank of the Reservoir, (now Sylvan Lake) on the 11th of September, 1849. He had never before been within four hundred miles of Orange Township, and was an entire stranger to everybody except one man-J.C. Alvord, his uncle.

This J.C. Alvord afterward married Mrs. Roxy Ann Doolittle, widow of Joel Doolittle, the first merchant of Rome, who was killed at the raising of the first woolen Mill at Rome City.

Samuel A. Alvord had been studying law in North-western Pennsylvania, and being a consumptive invalid sought change of scene and climate by relaxation.

That was an ideal Autumn. No poet ever described a lovelier-and the mystic glory of it did not fade. The air was balmy and the mellow light was golden all the time for two months. He did nothing but ramble and lounge and drink in the quiet beauty of sky, and lake, and wood, partaking of the waters of the natural springs. It was a long delicious day dream, and with it came returning health. He said "surely, this is God's country", and stayed instead of returning in October as first intended.

Reader, think of this description of "Northport" in 1849, remembering that today seventy years later, on these same grounds stands Kneipp Sanitarium, to which throngs thousands of people every year to "Ramble and lounge, and drink in the quiet beauty of sky, and

Lake, and wood, partaking of the waters of its improved springs which has gained much more than State wide reputation.

Mr. Alvord then states "accepting an invitation to teach the winter school in a log house in the woods, eighty rods south and west of the lake, he passed the winter there.

This school house in the woods was situated on Lot no. 121, Rome City, Rome as then called.

The first school room fitted up in Rome was the bar room of the old "Hardy Hotel." And right here we will call attention to difference of statements relative to this school, and the first school house built in Rome.

Goodspeed's History states: "The first school taught in Rome was in the bar room of Hardy's old hotel, and Miss Aurela Andrews was engaged to teach this school in 1842. The first school house built in Rome City was of logs, and Miss Andrews was engaged to teach the first term in this school house." which was 1843-44.

The following letter, in some details corresponds with the above. We are inclined to think this letter to be more authentic.

From the Noble County Democrat of July 1st, 1897.

Our Early Schools

Interesting letter by Mrs.
Mary A. Love of Albion.

"My knowledge of the early schools of this County is somewhat limited, confined more to my own experience in teaching.

In 1840 I came with my parents to Augusta, then

the County seat of Noble County. It was just after the Indians had been taken away. There had been no arrangements at Augusta yet for schools, but some of the citizens had come here to make a permanent home, were making an effort to start one. They were Mr. John Bowman, Wm. Crispell, Michael Coon, and Hiram Basset.

They soon secured a number of children subscribed for. I was employed to teach. I taught several terms in different rooms wherever we could get them. The last term I taught, was in the County jail, or rather, one room of the County Jail. I believe that was all the schools Augusta had.

In 1844 I commenced teaching at Rome City. It was their first school. They had no schoolhouse. The only room to be had was the Bar room of the Hardy House. We began with ten or a dozen scholars; we made a fairly good beginning that season. We were often interrupted by travelers who came on without ceremony and left in like manner, disgusted, I presume, on seeing a school ma'am instead of the land lord.

The next summer I commenced a second term in a new log schoolhouse, with an average of twenty-five scholars. Some were from other districts. We had an interesting school; they took an interest in the work.

I commenced by teaching reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic-other studies came in afterward. I set copies and made pens out of goose quills. They paid me \$1.50 a week, and I boarded around. It was a novel way of living but they were all good people and I enjoyed it.

I lost my mother about this time and quit teaching from home. I am gratified to know that my pupils of that day have all become useful citizens. Some of the boys are prosperous farmers, one is an elder in the Methodist church, and one has been recorder in our County.

I would like to add this much. We traveled in

those days on horse back. We would go from Augusta to Lisbon, to attend parties, meetings, etc. There was no Kendallville then that was the Mitchel Farm. We would take an Indian trail through the opening, which led us right through here where Albion is now located.

That was a long time ago, and I think that I am the only one left of that day to tell the story.

Mary A. Love.

Mr. Wm. Hosler came to Northport in 1851 and built the north addition (Dance Hall, and open shed below) of the old "Dave Law" Hotel.

In 1852, William Hosler and brother Abram took contract of John Weston and Wm. Mitchell to build the first Grist Mill at Rome City. Lost 100 days work, and cash \$100.00 on the contract. Afterwards in 1854 Mr. Wm. Hosler did the work on the first saw mill at Rome City.

Mr. Hosler was a notable fine workman and framed and built many of the best residences in Orange Township, among which was the "Old Hitchcock" residence west of Rome City.

Mr. Samuel Hosler died at his home farm on the Brimfield-Kendallville road, on September 6, 1915, aged 95 years.

In 1854 the Weston-Mitchell interests erected a saw mill on the basin, west of the Grist mill. It was run by an overshot wheel, the shaft of which was constructed of black walnut log cut on the Bossinger Farm, South of Rome City.

This is related by Mr. Samuel Hosler, who put up the frame for the saw mill. James X. Gower operated this saw mill for a time, a large acreage of up lake was stripped of the original, or first growth timber, which consisted almost altogether of oak.

Island Park, Grape Island, Big Island (of some 80 acres) in fact all the timbered tracts along the shores of the lake, excepting Isaac Barber's holdings.

J.Z. Gower is given the "discredit" of this wholesale first cutting. This was before the titles of these tracts land were settled by the courts, tax-sales, etc.

"Jack" Kessler operated the mill in an early day.

This property came into the possession of the Geisendorffs with the Woolen Mills and Gristmill, and operated by this company, under management of a number of the then citizens of the place, often times running shares, sometimes paying rentals.

Timber becoming more scarce, the mill went into decay. In 1874 it was practically a ruin and was soon after dismantled, even the old race is now obliterated.

A log church (Close Communion Baptist) was built in an early day in Orange Township, one-half mile south of Wolcottville. Among the early members were the Taylors, McQueens, Mungers, and Pierces. A Deacon named White was prominent. Members of other denominations met with the Baptists, and all together made a large fine Congregation. This old building was used until a short time before the War of the Rebellion, when a frame structure was built in Wolcottville, in LaGrange County.

The German Lutheran (and possibly the German Reformed church, on what is called Dutch Street, was built at an early day. The old settlers speak of

great revivals in early years at this house. It was used to some extent as a school house, as several terms were taught there, one of the teachers, a very homely German, teaching the mother language to the children in attendance. This old school house was one of the first frame buildings in the township, and was regarded as quite a curiosity when first built.

Bearing out the statement already made as to the fact that in the earlier days, when no railroad at Rome, what is now (and probably then) as Brimfield was called or termed "Rome Station."

In a case for debt evidence is introduced before Justice Law on the 20th day of April, 1861 "That Walter Gauntt and Abel P. Warner then doing business at Rome Station, in the County of Noble, Indiana under the name of Warner and Gauntt etc.etc.

This firm was known to do business at Brimfield, Ind.

Directory of Rome in 1860

W.W. Martin, Physician and Surgeon
E.D. Weston, Rome City Mills.
D. Cary, Mammoth Hotel
Kenady Woolen Factory

Business Directory of Wolcottville, 1860

James Steward, Physician
Wildman and Taylor, Merchants
J. Law, Merchant
Paulus & Ewing, Foundries (Orange Twp.)
John C. Repine, Blacksmith (Orange Twp.)

1838-1877

The early Justice's Courts of Rome and Vicinity when Justice of the Peace duties were more than today, were:

David S. Field, who lived on the old Lewis Dunbar place on Dutch Street, later in the old yellow store building in Northport. He was Justice, June 1, 1838 to July 11, 1842 .

(Here Mr. Owen forgot to name the next Justice of the Peace

July 1842 to some time in July 1849, who lived on Dutch Street Corner, was Justice of the Peace .

The next record we locate shows J.C. Alvord as Justice of the Peace, who then lived in the now Swinehart House, Northport. This was as Justice 1847 to and in 1851.

J.C. Alvord lost his wife and married Roxy Ann Doolittle of Rome.

1849 to 1850 James McQueen appears as a Justice of the Peace, who lived northwest of Northport.

1850-1857, James Hall as Justice of the Peace holds the McQueen Dockets, just where this office or residence was, cannot say.

In 1856 and 1857 N.Y. Nelson was Justice of the Peace with Sam. French as Constable

Nelson it appears ran a Blacksmith shop in Rome, and it is likely that he was the first resident Justice of the Peace in Rome proper. Justice Nelson and Constable French, however when it was brought to light, they being connected with the Black Leg, theiving and

counterfiet gang, both left town suddenly, never to be heard from since.

Then continously, 1857 to 1877, David Law was Justice of the Peace, with office at Northport. He died in 1877.

In the meantime William Dixon was a Justice of the Peace in Rome proper, 1867 to his death in 1877.

Since this time, the duties of Justice of the Peace office being greatly curtailed, the office in Rome has been held alternately, and we might say unwillingly by Eden H. Fisher, Henry G. Cobbs, James H. Alexander, John Long and for the past few years by Joseph Bushong.

The following persons were land owners in Orange Township in 1844

(Northport and Rome given under those heads.)

Ira Allen (west of Rome.	Chester Baxter
Samuel Alcott	Alonzo Bashee
Oliver Atwood	John Barrett
John B. Bourie	David Bixler
Rufus Berry	James Cummings
John Beam	
Stanfield Corbin	
Joshua B. Cutshow	
David H. Colerick	
Constant Cook	
James Crofoot (heirs)	
Francis Comparet	
Joseph Calkins	Benj. Jones
Calkin Disbrue	Alexander Johnson

J.F. Dunbar
 Lewis Dunbar
 Ichabod Dickerson
 Lewis Druillard
 Mason Dumlap
 Levi Eaton
 Alexis Faw.....?
 Christian Foster
 F.N. Fellows
 Benj. F. Fields
 R.H. Fowler
 David Gardner
 Samuel Hitchcock
 Hall Hubbard
 Ira Hovey
 Jacob Holdreu
 G.W. Hatch

Asa Brown
 William Barrett
 Samuel Comstock
 Levi Cunningham
 John Corbin
 Joseph Comparet
 Joseph Caldwell
 William Callett
 Chauncy Cateer
 Joseph A. Crosby
 James Campbell
 John Dunbar
 Arthur Dunbar
 William L. Dales
 William Donny
 William Dunlap
 Christian Eaton
 William Engle
 David D. Fields
 David Fulton
 Joseph Freelove
 Christian Foster
 Anson Greenman

T.A. Johnson
 Homer King
 George Lymore
 William Lady
 Peter Lampson
 R.L. Longwell
 Charles Mitchell
 John Myers
 Thos McLeland
 Abel Willington
 William Morris
 Jonathan Alexander
 Josiah Arnold
 Jeremiah Andrews
 David Bratton
 Samuel Booth
 John Biley
 David Bidlack
 Steven Hart
 N.G. Hale
 Comfort Hiller
 John M. Herdon
 R.M. James
 Ebenezer Jessup
 Rufus Reeler
 John Lamp
 William Leverick
 William Long
 Henry Lotz
 H.P. Lampson
 D.A. Munger
 James McQueen
 Don C. Mather
 William Matthews
 Ezra Morse
 Archibald McVickers
 George Nichols
 Oliver Osborn
 Benj. Potts
 Ebenezer Pierce
 Isaac F. Rice

David B. Herriman
William Hitchcock

Ezra Sanford
William Taylor
Herman Thatcher
Joseph Thompson
German Warren
Ozias Wright
Orlin Watkins

Gideon Reynolds
John Rupp
Daniel Rice
Joseph B. Martin
William Nesbit
Daniel Pierce
Chas. W. Rockhill
Moses Rive
Thomas H. Roberts
Abraham Shears
Joseph Steinbarger
Peter Thatcher
Richard Thomas
John Vancelder
Samuel P. Williams
Timothy Watkins
Christian Wolf
H.W. Wood

Among the very earliest settlers of
the above were:

Eri Allen
Luke Diggins
David Law
Timothy Gaby
William Imes
John F. Brothwell
Jacob A. Waldron
James Madison
William Latta
Francis Comporet
Joseph Doolittle
John & S. Corbin
David P. Bourie

Jacob Heater
William Wright
David Bidlack
Charles Law
T.M. Watkins
Steven Harris
Abraham Shears
Archibald Crofoot
David B. Herriman
Samuel Smith
David S. Field
Orlin Watkins
James Kelly
William S. Hitchcock

and others, some of whose names appear above.

SUMMIT CHURCH

Specifications for church house to be built on the northeast corner of Jessee Engle's farm in Green Township, Noble Co., Indiana.

Said house to be 30 ft. by 40 ft. and 15 ft high to square. Foundation trenches to be dug thirty inches deep and deeper if the ground is not solid enough and two feet wide, said trenches to be filled with small stone laid in good lime and sand mortar.

Wall to be eighteen inches above ground at the point where the ground is the highest and the rest high enough to make the wall level with two tiers of black work on front and sides, said wall to be two feet thick under the ground, block work to be set in the center of the main wall; also a center wall running the whole length of the house between end walls twenty inches in ground and deeper if not sufficiently solid, and as high as other wall eighteen inches thick, all to be built in a good substantial manner.

Brick walls to be thirteen inches thick, five by eight inch hollow, fifteen feet high to square and of number one brick laid in lime and sand mortar. Brick columns at each corner and two in each side. Size of said columns to be two stretchers. There shall also be a frieze 24 inches.

Windows, six in number, three on each side, spaced equally and about three feet high from the floor; said windows to be box frames furnished with waits; sash to be one and three quarter inches thick; glass to be 14 by 24, of double strength, nine lights in each window; said windows made after the gothic style. Said windows shall be provided with swing shutters painted green. Window sills of stone 4 inches thick and 7 in. wide.

Doors, same style as the windows, four in number of proper width and height with transom over the outside door; said doors to be two inches thick with one good lock worth not less than two dollars with thumb latches. Door sill of stone

7 inches thick, and 10 in. wide

Spire to be like the one on the Rehoboth Church, six feet deep and eight feet wide and a proper height.

Joists to be twelve inches wide and two thick of the best pine timber, and placed not more than sixteen inches apart and to have two rows of bridging.

Flooring, to be of good Norway pine lumber seasoned and not more than five inches wide and one and one fourth inches thick.

Roof to be self-supporting, with an arch ceiling, one half between one third and one half pitch and to project 18 inches all around. The shingles shall be the best XXX pine, eighteen inches long and laid five inches to the weather.

Rafters to be pine 2 by 5 inches and not more than 16 inches apart well bolted together at each end and in the middle where they cross. The arch ceiling shall have a segment of about 3 ft or to correspond with the rest of the ceiling.

Said house to be wainscoted as high as the bottom of the window, of seasoned ash three inches wide.

A neat railroad cornice with a bed and crowned moulding all of good material.

The woodwork all to have three coats of paint (White); door and wainscoting to have oiled and varnished.

There shall be two flues of proper height and well plastered inside

Said house to have three coats of plaster finished with a hard finish.

Plates on top of wall to be of oak, fastened to the wall with iron bolts running into the wall twenty inches and fastened on top with burrs, and placed about six feet apart.

Said plates not to be more than 10 inches.

A platform inside to be built such a size as the trustees may hereafter direct.

All material to be of the best quality and the work to be done in a good workmanlike manner.

A note for \$150.00 dated November 7th 1885, to the Wabash School Furniture Co. was signed by H.C. Stanley

Adam Engle

Jesse Engle

John M. Brackney

Joseph Waltman

Trustees Summit M.E. Church

Albion, Indiana

Received of Rev. Mr. Marble, \$4.60 to be applied on bill of chairs for the M.E. Church at Summit (in full of all accounts)

S.R. Easterday

We the undersigned, agree to pay the amount annexed to our names to the Trustees of the M.E. Church of Summit, on or before November 1, 1886; for the purpose of liquidating the present indebtedness of the church property.

November 9, 1855

Names

H.C. Stanley
J.M. Brackney
Sam'l Engle
Jesse Engle
Adam Engle
J.A. Waltman
Levi Messenger
Wash. Engle
Wm. Favinger
M. Krieger
Louis Hill

H.L. Stanley
Henry Hill
Mr. Walburn
Mother Clemens
Isaac Shambaugh
Geo. H. Moore
Comfort Ward
M.D. Brackney
J.W. Clemens
H.V. Miller
Cyrus Stanley

Clel Baker
J. Messenger
Chas. Beesecker
Ina Parker
J.W. Engle
Isaac Glass
David Fulk
W.M. McCoy
E.C. Ketchum
Levi Hooper
Wm. Shirley

Samuel Foster
 John Hanlon
 Paden Leitch
 Chas. Bell
 Chas. Houser
 Isaac B. McCoy
 Melvin Hines
 Frank Martin
 G.W. Peabody
 Wm. Sheets
 Mrs. Waltman
 Mary Engle
 Mrs. Stanley
 Lucy Thompson
 Isaac T. McCoy
 Sam'l Benwood
 P.E. Brooks
 Pat Murray
 John Faux
 Sarah Fulk
 Louis Hill
 George Hines
 Cassy Rickardt
 Rose Houser
 Wm. Veasy
 Thos. Bowman
 Maggie Martin
 Emma Ward
 Elizabeth Clemens
 Abram Favinger
 Dan'l Ragan
 W.H. Smith
 Sarah Koons
 Mrs. L.H. HOoper
 Wash. Keller
 Mrs. Wash. Keller

M. Carothers
 Thos. Hudson
 Abner Finley
 John H. Fulk
 Elmer Holsinger
 E. Finley
 Mrs. Zimmerman
 Orlando Applegate
 Chas. Beesecker
 John Hanlon
 Eph. Krieger
 Mrs. Della Engle
 Mrs. Bowman
 Wm. Shirley
 Geo. Engle
 Geo. Conklin
 Rev. F.I. Simpson
 Wash. Engle
 John Ward.
 Wm. Parker
 Frank Waltman
 John Hanlon
 M. Krieger
 John Clemens
 Sam's Engle
 J.M. Brackney
 Mrs. Stanley
 Jesse Engle
 J.J. Trumbo
 Loveall, Wm.
 Josiah T. Smith
 Silas Moore
 W.C. Arthur
 Dan Ragan
 J.J. Graumlich
 Isaac Thompson

Kate A. Drake
 J.W. Whitney
 David E. Hosler
 Gilbert Dague
 Jacob Trussell
 V. Eckles
 James Grewcock
 B.F. Krider
 John Parker
 E. Tegarden
 E.B. Spencer
 Hattie Ward
 Jacob Koons
 Cal Martin
 Oscar Snyder
 Ellen C. Hogue
 Maria Hill
 Susan Engle
 Mrs. Krieger
 Emma Walburn
 Frank Finley
 Lucina Engle
 Marshal Bonham
 Homer Ward
 Frank Waltman
 Wilbert Easterday
 Mrs. Shennebarger
 Mrs. Ragan
 Susan Engle
 Lucina Engle
 Mrs. Stanley
 Henry Stanley
 John Ward
 John Martin
 Charley Houser
 S.C. Murray

Emma Enos
 M.S. Favinger
 Chas Bell
 Jane Waltman
 Levi Messenger
 Wm. Loveall
 Bertie Rickardt
 Chas. "
 Forest Parker
 Frank Engle
 L.E. Hill
 Adam Engle
 Chas. Conklin
 John Fulk
 Web. Smith
 J.M. Bonham
 Wm. Koons
 Dell Engle
 A.N. Favinger
 John Engle

Subscription List (appears to have been original of first list)

Jesse Engle	Samuel Smith	Thomas H
Samuel Engle	Robert Halferty	Jacob K
Joseph Waltman	Josiah Smith	Sarah Stoudentour
J.M. Brackney	Andrew Whetzel	D.S. Glass
H.C. Stanley	Christ Repine	Wm. Koons
A. Engle	Chas. Bell	P.H. Murray
James Hanlon	Sam Yeiser	John Koons
W.A. Axtell	P.O. Black	P.E. Brooks
Mary Axtell	C. Barhan	Levi HOoper
Wm. Loveall	Adam Alebaugh	Thos. Renkenberger
J.M. Bonham	Geo. Penn	Levi Messenger
L Carothers	John Ward	Dan Hendricks

Benj. Sheets	Edward Halferty	Henry Mires
J.B. Renkenberger	Josh Sweet	G.H. Moore
Wash. Engle	Dan Brumbaugh	D.A. Leitch
Eugene Keller	Cyrus Black	Michael Schaeffer
Wash. Keller	Jas M. Black	Jacob Bartlet
Wm. Bushong	H.L. Stanley	Wm. Bowen
Wm. Easterday	C.C. Cline	M. Krieger
wm. Parker	M.H. Stewart	Frank Stanley
W.L. Enos	M. Dolan	Susan Prouty
John Frederick	Geo. W. Streby	Sarah Baker
John Engle	Isaac Shambaugh	W. Franks
Geo. Engle	Joseph Weaver	Hiram Baker
Emma Peabody	Abner Finley	Levi Campbell
Robt King	John Yeiser	John McCoy
Viole -	Henry Yeiser	Geo. Peabody
Alpheus H -	Eph. Yeiser	Geo. Walters
William Riddle	F.C. Maloney	Dro. Green
Edwin Walburn	G.S. Hen -	C.B. Philips
S.P. Stewart	Michael Rie--	M.C. Skinner
Moses Breser	Frank Williams	Chas Gra-
A.K. Randall	Benj. Rupert	John C. Van -
M.D. Stanley	Wm. Shirley	E.W. Mate -
H. Baum	John Fulk	

12-13-1890

Paid to Joseph Bills for papering church \$12.50

M.E. Committee bought of Stewart Brown, June 14, 1890, Bill of goods containing oranges, lemons, candy, sugar, etc.

Received payment Stewart Brown

Jesse Engle's subscription list:

Ina Parker	Frank Engle	Washington Engle
Isaac McCoy	Josiah P. Smith	W. Keller
Pat Murray	Andrew Whetzell	Josiah P. Smith
Sarah Koons		

Certain Receipts:

Albion, Ind. 11-9-1885

Received from Rev. Marble, twenty one and 40/100 dollars
for chandlears and lamps in full. For M.E. Church of
Summit R.L. Stone

Received of Joseph Waltman, Treas. of Board of Trustees for
Summit M.E. Church \$100.30 cash church funds to be deposit-
ed at the Bank of Albion. M.S. Marble

Stanley, Ind. (Probably meant Summit, Ind.)

Received of Jesse Engle, sixty five dollars to be applied on
note dated Feb. the 11, 1886.

Signed: Jesse Engle H.C. Stanley
Joseph Waltman Willis Foster

Summit Church (Discontinued 1941)

We do agree to pay the sum set opposite our names, when need-
ed, if possible, for the improvement, repair, and decoration
of the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church Oct. 12, 1911.

Names: Levi Hooper & wife	John Koons	John Hooper
Rev. Baker	Geo Knaux	Mrs. Randall
Mrs. F. Waltman	Mr. R.C. Yeizer	Mrs. Smith

Summit Church, Conference year 1912-13 Official members of
Avilla Charge Summit Class

Stewards: William Parker	H.B. Sylvester	Edwin Smith
Frank Hanlon	Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper	
Mrs. Minnie Hill	Mrs. Leone Smith	Mrs. Helen Yeiser
Trustees of Church:	Parsonage Trustees:	
William Parker	Isaac J. Shambaugh	
H.B. Sylvester	Jacob Haines	
Levi Hooper	William Popejoy	Frank Hanlon
L.W. Hill	H.B. Sylvester	

Estimating Pastor's Salary:

J.N. DeCamp	Alfred W. King	Isaac J. Shambaugh
David Shanline	William Parker	H.B. Sylvester

Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper

Avilla Class: Church Trustees

Stewards: Joel Vangorder

J.N. DeCamp Alfred W. King

Alfred W. King Dr. William Veazey

David Shanline Jacob Haines

Isaac J. Shambaugh J.N. DeCamp

Carlton Baum David Shanline

Mrs. Hattie Pilgrim District Steward: J.N. DeCamp

Mrs. Lena Woodruff Recording Steward:

Mrs. Amanda Yeiser Isaac Shambaugh

Mrs. Jane Krieger

Lay Delegate to Conference J.N. DeCamp, local preacher,
William Parker

Summit S.S. Committee:

William Parker	Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper	Mrs. Laura Loveall
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Zion United Brethren Church
(Known as Jerusalem at an early date)

(This information was given by Mrs. Della Woodruff)
(which she received from Mrs. Mary (Harve) Strater)

Previous to 1861 the U.B. Class united in service with the Hartman Chapel, M.E. Church - then located at the Myers' crossroad S.W. corner.

During the Civil War - conflicting disputes arose and the U.B. Class withdrew and began a building one mile north on the present site of the church. (This information was written in June 1944, since then the church building was torn down and rebuilt into a barn which is just south of the church site.

Due to lack of funds the framework stood unfinished until after the war when sufficient funds were contributed to complete the building - and the church was dedicated the year of 1865. Mary Jane Owen was the first Sunday School superintendent. The church served the community for almost seventy years. The church and school were companions for a long time.

I am thinking tonight of a country church
Built by brave faithful pioneers -
The memory lingers - the voices stilled
Echo down through the passing years.

You know there are so many thoughts crowd into the past of the "Jerusalem" as it was once called: I never knew why, or when the name was changed to Zion.

Sincerely,

Della Owen Woodruff

Other information: A Mr. Glosser, father of Rigdon Glosser is supposed to have been the builder of the Church

Mrs. Frank Owen, sister of Mrs. Harve Strater wrote that her father had helped build the church, and she also wrote that it was in the year 1875 or 6.

Mrs. Harold Linville (Nee Weltha Coe) adds that she remembers of a Rev. Butler, Rev. A.F. McCloe, Rev.

Snyder, Rev. Farmer, and a Rev. Eaton serving the church as pastors after 1900. Rev. Eaton was among the last to serve the church before it was closed. It was on a Circuit with Brimfield, Oak Grove, Center Chapel.

The parsonage being in Brimfield in later years at least. Rev. Eaton was serving the church in 1923. (I think)

The church stood abandoned several years before it was dismantled. The piano used in later years, I think is now being used in the "Sweet's Union Church" located about three miles southwest of Zion.

WESTON CHAPEL

Thomas B. Weston donated the land for the cemetery and church. John Shifaly, his son-in-law, got subscriptions to build the church. John and Jake Bonaberger and the Frieds were members.

Following is a list of those known to have been buried in the Weston Cemetery:

Thomas B. Weston and his wife Catherine Weston
 John Shifaly, his son George Shifaly his daughter
 Lottie Shifaly Tiedy and her husband Andrew Tiedy
 John Ackerman
 George Fink
 Andrew Foster
 Ross Hutchins
 Hugh Milbourn

John Woorworth (My great grand father)

There was a German Methodist Church named Weston Chapel in honor of Thomas B. Weston.

This information was given me by my mother Mrs. Mary Shifaly Chaffee (Mrs. Albert W. Chaffee)

Mrs. Edna Chaffee Shillings
 (Mrs. Hugh Skillings)

Avill Church will observe Centennial

Immanuel Lutheran congregation will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its organization on Sunday Aug. 27, 1944.

Dr. Paul Miller, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Fort Wayne will speak in the morning service at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Walter Klausing, pastor of Concordia Church in Fort Wayne, will speak in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Immanuel congregation was organized under the leadership of the Rev. Frederick Wyneken in 1844. At that time Pastor Wyneken would come from Fort Wayne every four weeks and hold services in a log cabin, which was the home of Samuel Weimer. Shortly afterward, the congregation built a log church on the Weimer farm, about a mile north of Avilla, on the banks of Sycamore creek. This building was used until 1855, when a frame church was erected on the

Diehm farm, about a mile and a half northwest of Avilla. This building was used until 1893, when the present building was erected.

The congregation numbers about 300 members, including 190 communicants. During the 100 years, 15 pastors have served the congregation.

OAK GROVE CHURCH IS REDEDICATED

Two dedications services are now on record at the Oak Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church, an Angling road landmark northwest of Kendallville.

A new roof took the place of an old, a new entrance was fashioned, the outside freshly painted and interior completely redecorated - all this has taken place since spring and made it seem appropriate to rededicate the building.

This was done Sunday (June 19, 1949), and in the audience and on the program were two area residents who attended the original dedicatory service 68 years ago. Mrs. Edward Miller, West St., now 80 years old, read a history of the congregation and its church. Hearing her was C.M. Holden of the Angling road, who is 93 years old. Both had attended the dedication of the same building in 1881.

Dr. B.F. Smith, the EVUB conference superintendent came from Warsaw to officiate at the rites. It was in 1880 that an Angling road farmer, H.F. Dyer, offered the church land to a group determined to establish a United Brethren denomination in the Oak Grove community. The next year the church was built by Henry Grubb, a contractor, who was the father of Mrs. Miller. The church has kept its same lines through the years, but the recent face-lifting has added liberally to its appearance.

Members of the building committee which directed the remodeling were Thurlow Axel, William Kurtz and Doyle Harp. They were assisted by Mrs. Thurlow Axel and Mrs. Dale Emerrick. members of the decorating committee.

Serving the church as pastor is the Rev. O.T. Hubbartt of the Brimfield circuit.

Lizzie Seney's Song Book

Wyoming (This is in Delaware - - (Month indistinct)
12, 1816

Name of Song book Diamond Songster, about three inches by
two inches

To Elizabeth

O ever in my bosom live

Thou sorse of endless pleasure

Since nothing else on earth can give

So great so rich a treasure

Henry Molleston

(Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry Molleston, Governor of Delaware)

The Diamond Songster Vol. 2 Baltimore

Published by E. Lucas Jr. 1817

The Diamond Songster containing the most approved sentimental Scottish, Irish, and National songs

Baltimore Published by E. Lucas Jr.

Names of some of the songs:

The Star Spangled Banner

Katherine Ohie

Toby Philpot, Gramachree, My Nannie, O Fly not yet,

Cushmachree, Farewell to Lochaber, Tomorrow, Go where
glory waits thee, etc.

In the possession of Mrs. Katherine Seaney

217 Gertrude St.

Kendallville, Indiana

Record of all early burials in County made

Research made by D.A.R. reveals very
interesting historical facts

An arduous task has just been completed by members of the Frances Dingman chapter of the D.A.R. A complete record of all burials in Noble County, prior to 1875, is now on file in several libraries in the United States.

The task was started about four years ago and since then members have visited every cemetery in the county and records were taken from stones and death records. During the past year the work was confined to filing the records alphabetically, type-written and assembled in five large volumes. The volumes will be presented to the following libraries: National D.A.R. Library in Washington; State Library in Indianapolis; Ligonier Library, Albion Library and the Kendallville Public Library.

In future years the records will be of inestimable value.

The recording of the hundreds of dead has been very interesting to those assisting. Almost every township trustee was called upon and co-operated in their respective townships. Many neglected cemeteries have been cleaned and through the cleaning of the resting places, many interesting facts and also many burials unknown or forgotten by the present generation brought to light.

Memories of Epidemic

In one cemetery rows of little head-stones mark the graves of children ranging in age from one month to ten years, who had passed away during the death-striking epidemic of scarlet fever in 1866-67. Six loved children of one family are at rest in one row. Another tragedy in the lives of the pioneers was the death of many young wives and

mothers who today might have been living, had they at that time had modern medical attention.

Soldiers of every war our country has participated in, are buried in Noble county. At least two Revolutionary war soldiers are buried here, including Nathaniel Prentice, who is buried in Ligonier. His grave has been marked by the Nathaniel Prentice chapter of the D.A.R. in Ligonier, and Joseph Galloway, whose grave was recently discovered in the Greisinger graveyard in Washington township. The local chapter expects to honor this soldier. Joel Bristol, the first known white man to come into what is now known as Noble county, in 1827, lies in an unknown grave in a field of a farm along the Goshen Road, known as State Highway No. 2.

In the abandoned cemetery at old Northport, one of the earliest settlements of the county, just north of Rome City, on State Road 9, Gregory McDougal lies buried under a headstone inscribed, "My husband rest in Heaven", erected by his true and faithful wife. McDougal, one of the infamous black-legs of early Noble County history, was hung by Ligonier citizens, the only legal punishment by death to be meted out by any Noble County judge.

In Unknown Grave

Adam Fulk, age 105, beleived to be the oldest man who ever lived in the county, died in 1870, in a runaway on his farm, is also buried in one of the cemeteries unknown to the present generation. Many years ago there was a small burial ground located on what is now the Kimmel farm, northeast of Kendallville, and just recently discovered by the D.A.R. This burial ground was the place where the Hortsman family and a few others were buried, but this small plot of ground is quite uncared for and might have soon been forgotten had it not been for the D.A.R.

In the Gregg cemetery in Swan township, only eight people are buried, all victims of smallpox, within a short space

of time, in 1860. In a beautiful spot on the Henry Weimer farm in Allen township stands one marble slab, marking the grave of Mrs. Lozier, under the spreading branches of a large tree. This was the location of one of the First German Lutheran churches in the county. The church was built of logs and stood near this lone grave. The worshippers trod the path up the hill from the main road which is now known as Road 3. The stone can be plainly seen from the highway.

These are but a few of the many interesting facts discovered in this long task of tedious research

Over 50 Cemeteries

There are more than 50 cemeteries in the county with from one to 500 burials made prior to 1875. The largest cemetery is Lakeview cemetery in Kendallville, and the second largest is in Ligonier, both of which are so well kept and beautified that they could hardly be improved upon.

This work is being carried on by nearly every D.A.R. chapter in the United States, and these records will be invaluable to the libraries in the states and counties when completed.

To the chairman of the preservation of historic spots committee, Mrs. H.G. Misselhorn, and her able corps of assistants, the honor and credit for this outstanding achievement belongs. Their perserverance and hard work made this possible and it is with justified pride that the Frances Dingman chapter presents these volumes where they will prove most beneficial

Lakeview Cemetery

Kendallville and vicinity buried its dead prior to 1868 in what is now called the old graveyard, in the northwest corner of the new city corporation. This yard was started when the country was new, on the lands of John Sawyer, and interments were made there as early as 1837 and 1838. During the early sixties, a new location began to be talked about.

Bixler Lake, on the east of town, attracted the attention of the late Hon. William Mitchell to its banks as a suitable place for a new cemetery and some steps were taken in that direction. This location was viewed and talked over by him and he even went so far as to bury his own dead in the new grounds in the winter of 1864. He dying in 1865 was also buried on the banks of Bixler Lake. These interments were after removed to Lakeview Cemetery.

Later on it became evident to Mr. Mitchell that the location on the banks of Bixler Lake would be too near the town and he had selected the present site of Lakeview cemetery on his own lands as the most suitable place to start a new cemetery. Nature had done much for these grounds; **the universal opinion is praise.**

Before Mr. Mitchell plans could be carried out, his death occurred in the city of Macon, Georgia, leaving others the execution of his desires. The question of a new cemetery was being freely discussed by the people, but there was no money to start one. As the outcome of his talk a concert was held in Mitchell's Hall, the proceeds of which were to be used for a cemetery fund. The treasurer's books show that on the 29th day of April 1867, he received from said concert \$83.73. This was the first money and as yet no legal organization.

On the 30th day of October, 1867, Articles of Association was entered into under the name of 'The LakeView Cemetery' signed by J.A. Mitchell, F. Taber, George A. Mitchell, G.Erickson, William W. Hildreth, J.S. Brillhart, John Mitchell, George Aichele and A.A. Chapin.

Article 5th says the first board of trustees shall be John Mitchell, Gunder Erickson, Freeman Taber, George Aichele, and William W. Hildreth. Nov. 2, 1867, these above named trustees met and organized by electing Gunder Erickson, president; John Mitchell treasurer, ; and Augustus A. Chap-

in, secretary. Nov. 20, 1867, the trustees made an order to pay John Doswell \$5 per day for ten days services in laying out part of the grounds in burial lots, roadways and walks. This was the first money paid out and it was money well spent. Mr. Doswell was a landscape engineer of large experience. He was then superintendent of Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne and held that office from that time until his death in October 1900. The first interment in the new grounds was that of Mr. D.R. Daniels in Jan. 1868, later his remains were removed to Medina, Mich.

On the 8th day of April 1868, John Mitchell and Saphronia J. Mitchell (Husband & wife) made a donation by deed to Lake-View Cemetery of 24.81 acres of land, this being part of the plan when the Articles of Association were entered into.

The above deed was recorded Sept. 3, 1869 in Deed Record Book, No. 28, Page 464 of Noble County, Indiana.

Among the several conditions in this deed is the following "That from time to time burial lots shall be laid out and sold so as to realize the most money and the money to be used in ornamenting, improving and maintaining of said cemetery"

At this time the grounds were in a cultivated field and woodland, surrounded by an old and poor rail fence. Up to this point the legal organization was perfected and the trustees are in possession of a deed of the land.

A few sections laid out in burial lots, the trustees find they need money to make further improvements, such as laying out more grounds, grading and gravelling roads and walks, trees and shrubbery to be planted, new fences built, and many other items of expense necessary to improve the grounds.

The writer furnished this money to an amount of over \$1500 to make these improvements and which was all repaid from sales of burial lots. Here I desire to say that in looking back thirty-four years I want to record a word of honor to the memory of Dr. Gunder Erickson in connection with his part of this work; his plans and ideas were carried out.

They were wise and very helpful to his associates (and by

this I do not detract one word from others, they were each one loyal to their trust), but Erickson and the writer were thrown together more because of their offices, he as president and I as treasurer. I relied so much on his advice and counsel.

At a Board of Trustees meeting held June 7, 1868, it was moved that the agreement made between the trustees of the cemetery and the trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's church of Kendallville, Indiana, dated April 15th 1868, appropriating section B and part of Section C of the grounds, deeded April 8, 1868, by John Mitchell and wife to this corporation for the exclusive purpose of burial, by the said German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's church, was ratified and approved in open board by the following vote: Yeas, Erickson, Aichele and Mitchell.

Nov. 1871 Philander C. Isabell was elected trustee in place of William W. Hildreth, who had removed from Kendallville. On the 26th of June 1874, the trustees appointed Philander C. Isabell of the officers of superintendent of the cemetery grounds and fixed his compensation for such services at five percent on sales of all burial lots sold by him, and fifty cents each for permits to bury in potter's field; also that Mr. Isabell be allowed the sum of \$50. as compensation for services heretofore rendered about cemetery property. At a board meeting on July 3, 1871, P.C. Isabell was allowed a commission of ten percent on future sales of lots made by him.

The trustees met on May 7, 1877, present P.C. Isabell, Freeman Taber, George Aichele, John Mitchell, Treasurer, and A.A. Chappin secretary. The president, Dr. G. Erickson having died since last meeting, Freeman Taber was elected president pro tem. James R. Bunyan was elected trustee in place of Dr. G. Erickson, deceased, and also elected president of the board. At a meeting of the trustees held May 5th, 1879 among other business" the treasurer was directed to loan from time to time such funds of the association as

should not be needed for current expenses, upon the best terms obtainable and upon such security as he may deem for the safety of the funds so loaned". At this same meeting the following record was made: It appearing that it was necessary to change the designation of a part of the grounds described in the agreement of April 15, 1868, made with the trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church of Kendallville, in order to prevent confusion. On motion the following agreement was endorsed upon said contract and executed by the parties there to-wit:

A part of the grounds granted for burial purposes is designated as part of Section C in the within agreement is intended to mean that part of the ground in the original plat laying west of Section B and south of the main entrance, therein shall be described as in Section B. Witness the parties 5th day of May 1879, Trustees were A.C.F. Wichman and Louis Beckman.

On Feb. 14, 1881, the trustees met and elected Louis Beckman trustee, to take the place of George Aichele deceased

On the 18th day of January, 1883 John Mitchell entered into a contract with August Detering to buy from said Detering all the land laying east of the cemetery grounds and up to the eighth line running north and south, consideration to be \$500. This purchase on the part of Mitchell was for the cemetery. Later on in June, 1884, August Detering made a deed of above lands to LakeView Cemetery and was paid the balance due him.

On the 11th day of Mar. 1884, the trustees of the cemetery brought from Frederick Kiel and wife a strip of ground on the east side of the wagon road for a sidewalk along their farm; consideration, \$150. On the 13th day of Mar. 1884, the trustees received a deed from John Mitchell and wife for a strip of land for a sidewalk from Kiel's land to the cemetery. This was a donation.

"On May 4th, 1885 at a meeting of the board of trustees, A. A. Chapin presented his resignation as secretary to take effect after the adjournment of this meeting".

Mr. Chapin had acted as secretary of the trustees of Lake View Cemetery from its organization in 1867. Robert P. Barr was elected secretary at this meeting in place of A.A. Chapin. On June 2, 1886, at a meeting of the lot owners of the cemetery the following persons were elected as trustees: John Mitchell, Joe S. Conlogue, Louis Beckman, James R. Bunyan and P.C. Isabell.

On October 23, 1886, a communication from Nelson Post, No. 64 signed by Norman Teal, commander, Charles Breidert, quarter-master, A.F. Van-Niman, adjutant, Women's Relief Corps, Mrs. Hattie A. Floyd, Mrs. Thomas Cox, was read, requesting that a deed for lot No. 14 in section D of Lake View Cemetery be made to Nelson Post No. 64 in which to bury their dead. On motion of John Mitchell, the president of the board was instructed to execute this deed as above.

Since the death of Mr. P.C. Isabell, superintendent of LakeView Cemetery, which occurred Dec. 1894, there have been no commissions paid for selling lots. No one in connection with the cemetery is paid any salary, excepting the sexton and a man to assist him at times.

In order to give the lot owners of the cemetery the financial condition at this time, I have copied from the reports of the treasurer as below.

The cemetery started by borrowing money (no funds to draw from for expenses). This was all repaid as before stated by sale of lots. As the sales of these lots go, our capital is reduced that much, but if the expense is kept down, the assets should increase. The writer has met with many schemes to spend money without any revenue coming in for the money paid out. To some this may seem that the price of lots is high, but the trustees realize the fact that with the rate of interest being reduced on money loaned by the treasurer and the difficulty of getting money invested and the sales of lots

being less than formerly that it is necessary to lay the foundation for the future that the cemetery may be assured a perpetuity.

Copied from The History of LakeView Cemetery written
by Mr. John Mitchell

Lakeview Cemetery

Ericksons Graves

In graves No 1 are interred the bones of five persons, two of whom were the father and mother of Dr. Gunder Erickson, the others being friends and fellow countrymen of the Ericksons - These five persons were norwegians and came from near Christiania in 1838.

They settled on a farm - then a dense wilderness, near Wolf Lake, Noble County, Ind. It is said they walked from Toledo, Ohio to Fort Wayne.

These five persons died and were buried on the lands where they lived in about 1874.

Dr. Gunder Erickson then living in Kendallville sent his two sons Henry G. and Edward A. Erickson, then lads of 14 and 16 years of age over to where these five persons were buried in separate graves - the remains were brought to Kendallville and interred in one grave.

Dr. Gunder Erickson, by the death of his parents was left an orphan, an only child. At 10 years of age Dr. Spencer of Ft. Wayne was the government land agent at Ft. Wayne. He went out to this Norwegian Colony and found this orphan boy - Spencer and wife had no children of their own, so they took young Erickson home with them and brought him up and educated him to some extent.

Mrs. Mary Louise Erickson

Dr. Erickson died -

Mrs. " " -

Mr. George Gaby of Ligonier but formerly of Brimfield gave us these notes on the explosion of the sawmill at Brimfield:

It was the first mill in Orange Township, Noble Co., Ind.

Mr. Gaby was born in 1853 and was a babe in arms when the mill exploded. The mill was owned by Messrs Collet and Weston. It exploded May 18, 1855 near Rome, Noble Co., Ind. (at Brimfield 4 miles from Rome City) whereby James Cooper, Washington Cooper, Asa Hewett and Isaac Collett were instantly killed. The nearest mill was at Springfield now Cosperville. The mill was blown up on its first trial and had never been operated. There had been a mill on this site continuously to the present day.

Lines on the explosion of the first mill in Orange Township at Brimfield.

1. Hark! What was that dreadful sound?
It seems to shake the very ground!
Twas not the voice of thunder loud;
There's no dark and threatenng cloud.
2. At yonder mill the boiler burst!
O God! I fear it has done its worst
Hark! dod upi hear that dreadful scream?
The boiler is surely burst with steam.
3. Come let us to the place repair,
Some dreadful sight awaits us there.
With shrieks the evening air is filled -
Surely, there must be people killed.
4. Oh God! what we now behold.
It makes our very blood run cold.
Six human bodies lie around
Bleeding and lifeless on the ground.

5. Three widows here are called to mourn!
Their husbands from them have been torn.
In one hour's time their hopes have fled
Their husbands are numbered with the dead.
6. Twelve orphan children here are left,
Of their kind parents care bereft.
God grant them help in time of need -
Surely for them each heart must bleed.
7. One widowed mother now bends o'er
The son she almost did adore.
"My only son, and husband too
Are gone! Oh God! what shall I do?"
8. And, here another mother cries"
"Our first born son all bleeding lies -
Taken away in youthful bloom;
He now lies slumbering in the tomb."
9. "On him, we truly did depend,
In time of need, to be a friend.
In one moment's time is called away -
Truly, we are creatures of a day.
10. Here poor Isaac Collet lies,
Death has forever sealed his eyes,
His morning sun has set at noon -
He must go down into the tomb.
11. His prospect for life was bright and fair
He had friends, and fortune, all that is near;
But all could not avert the blow
Down to the grave he now must go.
12. "What caused this wreck? All now inquire,
It was the ignorant engineer.
He, nothing of his business knew
And caused the orphan's tears to flow.

13. Our afflictions truly are severe!
We have parted with friends most dear.
The Lord to whom we all belong, knoweth best.
He doeth nothing wrong.
14. May He give us grace to bear this blow,
As Christians ought to do;
And, as true Christians may we feel,
He wounds our spirits but to heal.

The above lines were composed by
Amanda Hewett.

HISTORY OF SWAN TOWNSHIP

The first settler in Swan Township, according to early records, was George Rickard, a native of New York State, who appeared in the autumn of 1833 and built a small beech-log cabin on a tract of eighty acres in the northern part where he resided with his wife and several children. As travel had already set in along the Lima road, he turned his cabin, small as it was into a place of accomodation and entertainment, and it was generally known as the "Buck-Horse Tavern". In June, 1834, Conrad Cramer entered eighty acres of land adjoining the tract of Rickard and moved in with his family. He also was from the Empire State. The next settlers were probably James and Charles Shelner and Daniel Tousey, in 1834; then, within the next two or three years, Jonas and John Strous, Samuel Barkwell, Charles Salsbury, Mr. Flagg, Hiram King, Alexander Gifford, the Broughtons, Oliver and Stanberry Wright, Hiram Parker, three or four of the Fuls (who settled in the southwestern part), Oliver L. Perry and others. From that time until 1844, the principal settlers who arrived were Weston Ackley, J.L. Blowers, Hamilton Badger, John C. Billings, Conrad Bricker, Dexter Brooks, Russell Clapp, Samuel Carothers, Nicholas Cooper, M.P. Dickerson, F. Tilton, Samuel Frances, William Gregg, Samuel Huff, Henry Haskins. Wm. Erickson, Charles Law, John Latta, Joseph Richards, Henry Timmerman, Aaron, Alva, and Josiah Wood, James Luther, Lewis and Erastus Warner, Jared and John Weeks, Edward and Lewis Walburn, and James Willitts.

The people were very hospitable to new arrivals, assisting them in the erection of their cabins, and in other ways. The woods soon became full of wild hogs, which the settlers shot for food, and as there was plenty of other wild game, meat, as a rule, was easily procured. The first crops planted were usually potatoes, corn, pumpkins and wheat. Much fine timber was sacrificed, the trees being cut down and the logs burned to make room for the farms. Flax was also raised to furnish material for clothing made by the women. Sheep were soon introduced and thrived well, though it was necessary to protect

them from the wolves which were then numerous in the timber. Occasionally a bear was trapped or shot, but this animal soon disappeared; the deer remained longer and venison was a common article of food with all the pioneer settlers. The earliest arrivals located along the Mongolquinong road, which had been laid out previously on an old Indian trail, and which served as an artery to float the products raised in the township, and give comparatively easy communication with Fort Wayne, which was for years the principal market for all Northern Indiana. The scarcity of money caused a recognized scale of barter to be established, which often differed greatly from the cash prices, always to the disadvantage of the settler who had not the cash. But in time money became more plentiful and conditions improved.

In 1837 occurred the first township election, at the residence of George Rickard, who had been appointed inspector. Only six qualified voters were present, in addition to several people not entitled to vote. Two or three officers were elected, but as no returns were made, the election proved invalid. Notwithstanding this, the election in the spring of 1838 was conducted in the same manner, but John Fulk who had been elected road inspector, consented to serve and did. In 1839 the election was held at the cabin of Mr. Badger, and Jonas Strous was elected Justice of the peace. The occasion was one of disorder, resulting in several fights as some of the canal men from Green Township came over and insisted on voting without any right to do so and as a consequence Mr. Strous had to try a number of cases of assault and battery. Joseph Exler and Ann Cramer were the first couple married in the township, and the first death was that of the mother of Hiram Parker, occurring in 1837.

For some years after the first settlement Swan Township was without a grist-mill, although there were two "Corn-crackers" distant about eight or ten miles, one at Port Mitchell and the other on the Goshen road about two miles southeast of Wolf Lake. Consequently, flour and meal were brought from Fort Wayne when the weather and condition of the road permitted the journey. Saw-mills,

however, were soon built, one, which was probably the first, being erected near the center of the township on Black Creek by Mr. Mendenhall. About the same time another was built by Hiram King, on an outlet of Cramer's Lake in the northern part. A Mr. Bruce also put up an early saw-mill, which for some reason or other had but a brief existence of about a year. About 1850 the Plank Road Company erected a fine steam saw-mill near the Village of Swan. This mill passed through a number of hands and had a long and successful career.

The first store in Swan Township was opened about the year of 1844 by Hiram King, at his residence in the northern part. A few years later he was appointed postmaster, though the office was at the residence of Mr. Clapp. Hiram Cramer succeeded Mr. King as merchant, buying the latter's stock, but opening his store about 1 1/2 miles east. He in turn became postmaster and held the office, with interregnum of six months, for over thirty years. Another early store was conducted for a brief period by a Mr. Ogden on the State road in the northern part.

The village of Swan was laid out in July, 1870, by Samuel Broughton, Orville Broughton, and Franklin Hilkert, and contained seventy-eight lots between the railroad and plank road. The location had been selected as a site for a residence and store as early as 1856 by Ephriam Cramer who had noticed that the old plank road saw-mill was quite extensively frequented by workmen and settlers. In 1861 his store burned, but he erected a better one of brick and continued in business for many years. Robert Taylor opened a second store in Swan in 1872, and he and Mr. Cramer were in time succeeded by other merchants. In 1874 Mr. Taylor and Allen Willetts who were then in partnership, built a grist-mill, costing about \$7,000, which they operated successfully, manufacturing excellent flour. Soon after the completion of the railroad, F.S. Surick of Fort Wayne, put a stave factory for oil barrels, but after manufacturing about 200,000 staves he failed, his failure causing a loss of \$1,000 to Mr. Cramer who had bought staves for him, receiving checks in payment. A few other industries have flourished at various times in

Swan, but the village has not grown, its present population being about fifty. There is one store.

The Village of LaOtto started a little later than Swan, but has exceeded it in population and prosperity. A steam saw-mill was built on the site during the winter of 1871-2 by David Simon, and was operated until about 1873. In the spring of 1872, Martin Belger erected a black smith shop, into which John Miller moved with his family, and on the same day - April 5th - Abraham Zern moved into a shoe shop which had been built a short time before. In the preceding October, David Voorhees, Martin Belger, David Simon, Solomon Simon and Jonathan Simon had laid 101 lots at the junction of the two railroads and had christened the place Simonville. The railroad company, however, called the station Grand Rapids Crossing; but this name was found cumbersome, and in September, 1875, at the suggestion of the Rev. B.F. Stultz, backed by a petition of freeholders, the village received its present name of LaOtto which the postal authorities have condensed to LaOtto.

Mr. Kinzie was appointed postmaster in the autumn of 1872. A bedstead factory was started at an early date, but Mr. Miller erected the second saw-mill, after the one built by Mr. Simon was discontinued in 1873. The first store was opened, it is thought, in September, 1872, the proprietors being Kinzie and Bonbrake, and since then there have been quite a number of other merchants, either in succession or doing business contemporaneously. At various times formerly brick and tile manufacture was pursued. The village has now a population of about 300, which has for its convenience and elevator, stores and wagonshop. The postoffice has one rural route.

History of Washington Twp.

About the year 1833 a tall dark complectioned man named Roop, located in Washington Twp. He did not remain long, but moved on to some other locality. On the back part of the Frank Breninger farm and extending on to the Hunt farms in a swamp that bears the name of Roop swamp. At the present time the swamp has neither been ditched nor cleared and is noted as a nesting place for cranes. Their nests can be seen for quite a distance in the tops of the trees. About two years after Roop settled, other began to appear. In 1836 there were about ten settlers in the Township, and within the next five years there came in enough to enter all the land. The first child born in the Township was Mary Prickett, later Mrs. Aaron Metz. Born 1837.

The second child born was Mrs. Robert Luckey, mother of Dr. James Luckey of Wolf Lake.

There were some wild animals as bear, deer and wolves which were troublesome to the settlers.

Hugh Allison built the first saw mill near the outlet of Loon Lake near Ormus. In 1848 Uncle Jakey Rider built a saw mill, run by the water power from a dam in Tippecanoe river at what was known later as Wilmot. In 1855, Mr. Rider built a 2 1/2 story grist mill on the same dam and immediately entered on a prosperous career. It was operated by many different people and stood till a couple of years ago, when it burned. An old land mark gone. When burned it was owned by Mr. James Stump. The beauty of the old water fall and willow trees has given way to the modern improved road. One beautiful feature of Washington Township is the Tippecanoe river, which enters the Township near the S.E. corner, near Ormus. It passes on through what is known as Smalley lake, now a popular summer resort and named after a family of old settlers. The river passes on through the Baugher lake, also named for a family of old settlers. It passes on through the dam mentioned before and out of the Township. All of these places are noted for good fishing.

Another interesting feature is the markedness of "The Great Land Divide". On the George Bouse farm two lakes can be seen, one finding its way to the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river system, and the other through the Tippecanoe, Wabash and Ohio rivers to the Mississippi river system.

On the Jacob Weigle farm, now owned by Dr. Weigle, was found numerous mounds, the remains of the Mound Builders. Dr. Weigle says the skeletons in these mounds were sitting in an upright position.

The first schools were taught in private homes. Later small log school houses were built, then frame and brick and in 1925 the new consolidated school with community room was built at Washington center, by Mr. Noah Stump as trustee. The first religious society in Washington Township was organized at the residence of John Prickett in 1837. It was Free Will Baptist. But the society did not survive long.

In 1861 the Lutherans built what is known as Salem and for a long time was the only church in the Township, while there were others near its borders. Among the first members were the families of Jacob Weigle; Cooper, Hindbaugh, Wilson and others. Later Mr. James Wilson and Mr. James Bowlby were both active in the Sunday School and church life.

Mr. Wilson used a tuning fork to lead the music before a musical instrument was bought. For many years Mr. John Ruggles was active at Salem as usher and Janitor. There were many people contributed to the religious life of the community through the salem church.

In 1899, "The Church of God" was built at Wilmot. Mr. John Shock, Milo Strombeck and Sylvester Wilkinson were on the building committee. About the year 1903 a Christian Church was built at Stringtown. Some of the active families were Kilgores, Buckles, Reeds and Wileys and others. Captain W.N. Voris was a Washington Township man and organized one of the first companies of Noble County to fight in the Civil War.

Washington Township furnished her quoto to the World War. "Kaid" Carpenter enlisted and went in what was known as the Rainbow Division and was out the entire war and lived to return home. The women of the Township worked with the Red Cross, doing sewing and knitting for the soldiers. As all business and labor had organized to advance their cause the farmers felt the need of self protection, so in 1918 the Farm Bureau was organized in Noble County and Washington Township organized a unit.

And as the women always do, they started in to help. so the H.D. of the Farm Bureau was organized, in 1921, with Ruby Hines as President. The creed of the H.D. is "A Better Home", knowing that as is the home so is the nation.

Hollyhocks and Old Houses

The little township of Washington was settled in 1833, the settlers finding very fertile land, both low lands and highlands, and altho the most fertile land was found to be in the low lands, the danger of malarial fever, reptiles of all kinds, much swamp land, with no chance for roads, forced them to the higher ground. Plenty of deer, bear and wolves were also there.

The first settlers were the Roop family of man woman and six children, building their cabin not far from where Jacob Weigel farm now is. This family were very odd, wearing no clothes in summer, the mother sewing clothing on them for winter and not removing those until warm weather came again. They had wolves tamed in yard which they later killed and served to some other settlers who soon began to come into the vicinity. When these new settlers learned from the Roop children what had been the fate of the pet wolves, they were horrified. Soon civilization got too rigid for the Roops and they moved on westward. Among these new settlers was a Quaker family (Lehmans) by name, from Ohio. They built a neat and much larger cabin. The wife had a precious pack of seeds, and man-like, the Mr. thought there was no room for planting hollyhocks, but she persisted, so the first real home was created. Mrs. Lehman saved and divided her seed that year with all the other wives. In that way the only landscaping except the natural setting, was our beloved hollyhocks.

Now the urgent need of schools prompted them to have school at their various homes, the first school being held in one room of a double log house owned by Paul Beezley, taught by Ross Rowan; the next year by Rufus Kinney in cabin on the Joe Adair farm. In 1840 the first school house was built in section 23 taught by Stephen Martin. A part of the first cabin where school was held still stands on the farm now owned by Dell Beers. At one time this same cabin was the post office; and general store being on the old "Goshen-Ft. Wayne" trail made by the Indians. It is believed this old landmark is 100 years old. Later another school house was

built on the site called Salem. This building was later sold by the trustee Mike Bause to Adam Metz, who moved it to his farm where it still stands, serving as first residence of all newly wedded Metz's over a period of three score and ten years. Many other log cabins still stand as landmarks, one on Asa Stump's farm, another on old Gerider farm, still another on Hickman farm and many others all with more or less history.

The first religious society was organized at John Pricketts by elder Putman, a pioneer preacher of Free Will Baptist faith in 1839. A good sized congregation was organized--the Pricketts, Beezleys, Humphries and others. No church was built however, but in 1861 the Lutherans built a big church on the site donated by Jacob Rider; This building financed readily by settlers who knew the value of the church in a community. Rev. Dillon was the first minister, some of the members being Jacob Weigel, Mike Bause, Iseral Cooper, Thomas Wilson, William Hindbaugh and many others.

John Rider built saw mill in 1848 and later a flour mill on the Tippecanoe River at Wilmot, this being the best flour mill in county. Noah Myers now built a saw mill on the same river. All these mills ran by power, the river supplied. The old flour mill with some repairs, standing and being operated constantly by different ones until 1929, when it burned. This old mill dam was a good place to fish, buffalo being plentiful in those early days, the people catching them by wagon loads. The Hunts were also among the first settlers. Mr. Frank Hunt riding a horse to California and back safely in 1849.

Some form of protection was needed for outlaws were many and counterfitters and robbers busy, so about 1834 the first court house was built for Noble County. It was soon burned. Another was built the following year. It was soon burned, then a bigger and more substantial one at Albion was built. It still stands. An organization was formed called regulators, who kept order.

Now the people in the extreme south part of township had no roads to travel on to pay their tax and were way-layed and robbed of their money on their way to Albion, so they petitioned to become a part of Whitly County, as they had a good road to that county seat, so were allowed to do so and in 1860 the final arrangements were completed and we lost a part of our Washington township to Whitly County.

Our first trustee was Joe Adair in 1837. He also being Justice of Peace. In 1838 he performed the wedding ceremony of Jacob Scott and Lyda Lamson. The first birth was Mary Prickett, who later became wife of Aaron Metz.

History of Lisbon, Indiana

Historical material reveals that the village of Lisbon, with its now lone store and some fifty inhabitants, is credited as being the highest point of land between the Atlantic Ocean and Mississippi River, the place where the water runs in four directions when it rains. It was the largest town in Noble County, thriving as a commercial center and trading post. There were two school buildings, several stores, including a drug store, a plank road, board side-walks and street lamps. It was the place where Mat Billings, the horse thief and counterfeiter, who, with others infested the northern part of the state, was captured and later brought to justice. It was this same big house, now only a part of the original structure, that was used as the tavern, where people drove for many miles to eat famous chicken dinners and the people danced the old year out and the New Year in. This was the notable Brown's Tavern, one of the first buildings to be erected after the town came into being in 1837. Here the stage coach drivers stopped for refreshment, to stay over night and to change horses on their trips from Sturgis to Ft. Wayne. As many as twenty-seven teams have been sheltered at one time in the stables adjacent to the Tavern.

The east and west road through Lisbon known as the Albion Road, was the Famous California trail, used by the travellers who went west in search of gold. In those days it was unsafe to travel alone, and those people who had no wagon in which to ride, were glad to pay others who had, for the privilege of walking back of their wagons. To-day the hitch-hikers do not pay, and certainly they do not walk far.

Asa Brown was responsible for the laying out of the village of Lisbon and received his land grant from the government in 1837. The deed reads as follows:

Deed Record 5, Page 361. The Town of Lisbon is laid out and situated upon

section 9, in township 34 N. Range 11 E.
 in the County of Noble and State of Indiana,
 and the south-east corner of Lot number
 11 bears north 45 degrees, west 46.66 ft.
 from a post in the center of the Ft. Wayne
 and Lima, Auburn and Augusta State Roads,
 where they cross on said section 9, the lots
 in said town, except lot #11 are 132 ft.
 in length by 66 ft. in width and the streets
 are 66 ft. and the alleys 20 ft. in width.
 Said Albion Street running east and west
 and Main St. runs from said post south 35
 degrees, east and north 27 degrees west
 and the lots are laid out at right angles
 with the Main Street.

(Signed) Asa Brown

This deed was recorded in the following manner:

State of Indiana,
 Noble County, SS:

Be it Remembered that on this
 30th day of October A.D. 1847, personally
 came before me, Recorder of said County,
 Asa Brown, known to me as the proprietor
 of the said Town of Lisbon, and acknowledged
 this plat and description of said town to
 be his voluntary act and deed for the uses
 and purposes therein specified.

Given under my hand and seal.

(Signed)

H.H. Hitchcock,

Recorder N.C.

Recorded Pct. 30, 1847 at 2:000'clock P.M.

As proprietor of the town, he operated the Brown Tavern and made much money out of his business. But this was not enough, he was eager to try his fortune in still newer country and left Lisbon and his many rich acres of land to go farther west. After a few years of casting about he returned to Lisbon a pauper. His friends and old neighbors wished to show him a proper welcome and thereupon tendered him a public reception at which a big barn dance and chicken dinner were the features. Tickets were sold for one dollar each and the money which amounted to about four hundred dollars, was given to Mr. Brown to help him in his later years.

The Lake Shore Railroad was put through two miles north and Lisbon was doomed. Kendallville spread up rapidly and many are the changed time has brought. Lisbon, then the greatest commercial center in this part of the country, now a mere four corners with its general store. There is no school; there is no post office. Hundreds of cars pass through the village weekly, enjoying the fine highway, but little realizing they are in the midst of the most notable exciting territory, historically in Northern Indiana.

Written by Myra Herrick

JOHN R. SMITH - Enrolled as Capt.; Age 25; 4/1/1865;
at New Orleans, La.; by Gov. Morton.
Mustered in Apr. 1, 1865 at New Orleans,
La; by Capt. Bush. Joined at Original
organization. 1st. Lieut. until 4/1/65.

FRANKLIN T. JOHNSON - Enrolled as 1st Lieut.; Age 23;
4/1/65; at New Orleans, La.; by Gov. Morton.
Mustered in 4/1/65 at New Orleans, La.; by
Capt. Bush. Joined at original organization.
Was 1st Sergt. until Nov. 20/64; was then
promoted to 2nd Lieut. and was promoted to
1st Lieut. 4/1/65. (apptd. 1st. 12/16/63.

JOHN W. GRIFFITH - Enrolled as 1st Sergt.; Age 19.;
11/16/63 at Waterloo, Ind., by Cyrus Hawley;
Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendall-
ville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; apptd. Sergt.
12/16/63; joined at original organization.
Was duty sergt. until 11/20/64; Due U.S. for
1 pr. spurs 60 cts. Due soldier for clothing
\$33.50.

THOMAS B. FISHER - Enrolled as 2d Sergt; age 22; 10/24/63;
at Ligonier, Indiana by Tim Baker; Mustered in
for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization.
Was corpl. until 8/31/65. Due U.S. for one
pr. spurs 60 cts. Due soldier for clothing \$2.94.

JAMES M. BILLINGS - Enrolled as C.S.Sergt.; age 26 yrs.;
10/19/63 at Swan, Ind. by John R. Smith; Mus-
tered in for 3 years. 12/16/63 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; apptd. to corpl. 12/16/63
joined at original organization. Was corpl un-
til 12/16/64.

ROBERT KENT - Enrolled as Sergt./ age 22; 10/24/63; at
Ligonier, Ind.; by Tim Baker; Mustered in for
3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt.
Thatcher; joined at original organization.
Apptd Sergt. 12/16/63. Due U.S. for Ord-
nance 39 cts. (or 3.95??) Due U.S. for cloth-
ing \$21.31.

MILTON C. JONES - Enrolled as Sergt.; age 27; 11/9/63; at Waterloo City, Ind., by Cyrus Hawley; Mustered in for 3 years 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Apptd Sergt. 1/10/64; Due U.S. for Ordnance \$3.05. Due soldier for clothing \$22.59.

VANIER SMITH - Enrolled as Sergt.; age 18; 10/7/63 at Ligonier, Ind.; by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 years 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization. Apptd Sergt. 12/16/63.

SIDNEY P. JONES - Enrolled as Sergt.; age 18; 11/10/63 at Waterloo City, Ind. by Cyrus Hawley; Mustered in for 3 years 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at Original organization. Promoted Sergt. 12/6/64 for meritorius conduct. Due soldier on acct. of clothing \$22.45. Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs lost.

JOHN B. ROW - Enrolled as Sergt.; age 26; 12/18/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Apptd Corpl 1/10/64; was Corpl. until 8/2/65; Due soldier on acct of clothing \$6.52; Due U.S. for one pr. spurs.

WILLIAM D. MCBEE - Enrolled as Corpl.; age 24; 12/21/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by John R. Smith; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Is a veteran from 4" o.v.i.; Apptd. Corpl 1/10/64; Sick in U.S. Genl. Hospital since 9/20/65 Memphis Tenn.

ISAAC SPRINGER - Enrolled as Corpl; age 22; 12/8/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at orig. organization; Apptd Corpl 12/16/63; Due soldier on acct of clothing \$15.05; Due U.S. for one pr. spurs and belt plate lost.

- GEORGE AUSTIN - Enrolled as Corpl; age 18; 11/6/63
at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Orig. Organiza-
tion; Appt. Corpl 12/16/63; Sick in Genl.
Hosp. at Nashville, Tenn. since nov. 28/64.
- DAVID SPARROW - Enrolled as Corpl; age 28; 12/10/63
at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in
for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; Joined at orig. organ.; apptd.
corpl 12/16/63; Due soldier on acct of cloth-
ing \$14.33
- SAMUEL H. SMITH - Enrolled as Corpl; age 21; 10/11/63
at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; Mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at orig. organ.
Apptd. Corpl. 12/16/64.
- PHRAORTES HUMPHREYS - Enrolled as Corpl; age 31; 3/4/65
at Indianapolis, Ind., by D. Brayden; Mustered
in for 1 yr. 3/4/65 at Indianapolis, Ind. by
Capt. Brayden; Joined as a recruit. Was pro-
moted to Corpl 9/1/65; Due soldier on acct.
of clothing \$24.04.
- ANDREW KLOTZ - Enrolled as Corpl.; age 18; 10/8/63 at
Eel River by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for 3
yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt.
Thatcher; Joined at orig. organ.; Promoted
to Corpl 9/1/65; Due soldier on acct of
clothing \$6.06; Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs &
belt plate lost.
- HIRAM THOMPSON - Enrolled as Corpl; age 18; 10/3/63 at
Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3
yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt.
Thatcher; Joined at Orig. Organ.; Promoted
Corpl. 9/1/65; Due U.S. on acct of clothing
\$16.98; Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs lost.
- FRANKLIN HILKERT - Enrolled as Farrier; age 18; 10/12/63
at Swan, Ind., by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for

3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Orig. Organ.; Apptd. Farrier 9/1/65; Due soldier on acct. of clothing \$10.43; Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs and 1 belt plate lost.

ADOLPHUS THOMPSON - Enrolled as Black Smith; age 18; 10/5/63 at Wawaka, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Orig. organ.; Appt. Black Smith 5/1/65; Due U.S. on acct of clothing \$16.12

LEWIS F. BILLMAN - Enrolled as Bugler; age 18; 10/13/63 at Ligonier, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Apptd Bugler 12/16/63; Due U.S. on acct. of clothing \$16.12.

WILLIAM FENTON - Enrolled as Saddler; age 20; 12/18/65 at Kendallville, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/ 64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Original organization; Apptd Saddler 1/10/64; at Marine Gen'l Hospital with broken limb caused by a collision of trains with his Co. since 10/27/ -----(year worn off)

MICHAEL BOWER - Enrolled as Waggoner; age 45; 12/1/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at orig. organ. Apptd Waggoner 1/10/64. Due U.S. on acct of clothing \$35.41

ANDERSON, ROBERT - Enrolled as Private; age 18 yrs; 10/15/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65

10/10/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at
Kendallville, Ind., on acct of
injury; 10/10/64. Due U.S. on acct of
clothing \$35.41

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10/10/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; joined at
Kendallville, Ind., on acct of injury; 10/10/64. Due U.S. on acct of
clothing \$35.41

- BOWERS, ALFRED - Enrolled as Private; age 33; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Served as Co. Blacksmith until 4/30/65. Due U.S. on Acct. of clothing \$24.48; Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs.
- BAILEY, ALEXANDER - Enrolled as private; age 35; 10/3/63 at Fairfield, Ind. by L. Burden; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital at Baton Rouge since 4/14/65.
- BURFORD, EDWARD - Enrolled as private; age 19; 11/19/63 at Eel River, Ind., by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65.
- BEANBLOSSOM, CHARLES - Enrolled as private; age 18; 12/1/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Due soldier on Acct of clothing \$6.46. Due U.S. for one pr. spurs and one belt plate lost.
- BLOWERS, JOHN L. - Enrolled as private; age 45; 12/15/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Sick in hospital at Baton Rouge, La. since 4/1/65.
- BIDWELL, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21; 12/20/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Sick in hospital at Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

WILLIAM, CARLTON D. - Enrolled as private; age 21;
12/20/33 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Baker;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/34 at Kendallville,
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; sick in hospital at Miami, Fla.
Jan. since 9/19/35.

- CHURCH, ISRAEL - Enrolled as Private; age 32; 10/6/63; at Fairfield, Ind. by Levi Burden; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization as a Vet. from the 30th Ind. Vol. Inf. Discharged. for disability; Due soldier on acct. of clothing \$22.02; Due U.S. for 1 pr. spurs lost.
- CHAFFEE, ALONZO J. - Enrolled as private; age 23; 10/1/63 at Corunna, Ind. by L. Burden; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Absent; Sick in U.S. Hospital at Baton Rouge, La. 4/1/65.
- DUEL, JOHN L. - Enrolled as private; age 29; 9/25/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Vet from 74th Ind. Vol. Inf. Discharged for disability; Also served time in 12th Ind. Inf.; Sick in U.S. Hospital since 9/18/65 at Memphis, Tenn.
- DEETZ, JOHN - Enrolled as private; age 22; 10/26/63 at Fairfield, Ind. by L. Burden; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Is a Vet from 1st Ind. Cav. having served time out. Due soldier on acct. of clothing \$12.23 for Ordnance due U.S.
- DYE, SAMUEL - Enrolled as private; age 18; 10/15/63; at Roam Station by J.R. Smith; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Deserted 12/25/63; Apprehended and restored to duty by Special Order from Gen'l Wilson 1/27/65 with loss of pay during his desertion; Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital since 9/19/65.
- EGGLESTON, THEADORE - Enrolled as private; age 22; 10/14/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by J.R. Smith;

Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Sick in U.S. hospital at Nashville, Tenn. since 1/1/65.

GRIMES, ELI - Enrolled as private; 33 yrs. of age; 11/12/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Sick in U.S. Hospital at Baton Rouge since 4/1/65.

GIBSON, JOHN - Enrolled as private; age 18; 10/12/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; sick in U.S. Hospital at Mobile, Ala since 6/1/65.

GUNDER, GEORGE - Enrolled as private; age 18; 11/3/63 at Ligonier, Indiana by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Original organization; Due U.S. on acct of clothing \$8.83. Due U.S. for one pr. spurs and 1 belt plate lost.

HARDENBROOK, GEORGE - Enrolled as private; age 20; 10/12/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered in for 3 yrs 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at Original organization. Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital Nashville, Tenn. since 2/10/65.

HARDENBURGH, WILLIAM - Enrolled as private; age 21; 10/3/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; Mustered for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Sick in U.S. Gen'l Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. since 9/16/65.

HARBAUGH, HENRY - Enrolled as private; age 23; 12/9/63 at Fairfield, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind.

by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Sick in U.S. Genl. Hospital at Indianapolis since 9/1/65.

KNIGHT, GEORGE - Enrolled as private; age 18; 11/5/63 at Wawaka, Indiana by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; absent sick in U.S. Genl. Hospital at Memphis, Tenn since 9/18/65.

KARNS, SAMUEL S. - Enrolled as private; age 18; 12/9/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization. Due U.S. on acct. of clothing \$73.97 Due U.S. for 2 pr. sprus and one belt place lost.

LEACH, B.B. - Enrolled as private; age 45; 9/29/63; at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent on discharge furlough since 7/64 his papers being lost.

MILLER, GEORGE W. - Enrolled as private; age 19; 10/19/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent; sick in U.S. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65.

McKINNEY, WILLARD - Enrolled as private; age 18; 12/1/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization, absent; sick in U.S. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn since 9/19/65.

NOONEN, DAVID Enrolled as private; age 18; 10/20/63 at Fairfield, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organiza-

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tion; absent sick in U.S. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. since 1/15/65.

PRICKETT, JOHN T. - Enrolled as private; age 22 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent; sick in U.S. Hospital at St. Louis, Mo., since August 20, 1865.

PARKS, MADISON E. - Enrolled as private; age 20; 10/24/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 years 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent; sick in U.S. Hospital at New Orleans, La. since 4/7/65.

PALMER, MARTIN - Enrolled as pvt.; age 23; 9/28/63 at Kendallville, Indiana by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at orig. organization; absent; sick in U.S. hospital at New Orleans La. since 4/1/65.

ROBERTS, JOSEPH - Enrolled as pvt.; age 43; 10/23/63 at Kendallville, Ind., by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; absent sick in U.S. Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65.

SHAW, JOHN - Enrolled as pvt. ;age 30; 11/15/63 at Richland, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Served as C.S. Sergt until 12/16/65; Due soldier on acct of clothing \$33.18; Due U.S. for 1 pr. of spurs lost.

STORY, SAMUEL S. - Enrolled as pvt.; age 40; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at orig. organ.; Absent; sick in U.S. Hosp. at Nashville, Ten. since 2/10/65.

SHOEMAKER, JOHN - Enrolled as private; age 19; 12/20/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; due soldier on acct. of clothing \$1.92; Due U.S. for 1 pr. of spurs lots. (lost)

STIGNER, CHARLES W. - Enrolled as pvt; age 18; 3/16/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs; 4/28/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt Hager; joined as a recruit; absent sick in U.S. Hosp. New Orleans, La. since 4/1/65.

SNURR, DAVID - Enrolled as private; age 18; 9/29/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 years.; 12/16/63; Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at Original organization; was temporarily transferred to V.R.C. by Special Orders from Genl. Rousseau since May 27, 1864.

TROYER, DANIEL - Enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/24/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization.

WEBSTER, JOHN - Enrolled as pvt; age 22; 11/5/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization. Absent sick since 9/16/65 at U.S. Genl. Hosp. Memphis Tenn.

WOLF, DAVID - Enrolled as pvt; age 18; 11/10/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Absent; sick in U.S. Genl. Hosp. Memphis Tenn. since 9/19/65.

WARREN, HARRIS - Enrolled as pvt; age 20; 11/15/63 at Roam Station, Ind., by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs.; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent sick un U.S. Genl Hosp. at Indianapolis, Ind. since 8/20/65.

WEIRICH, JOSEPH - enrolled as pvt; age 18; 11/11/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; absent sick in U.S. Genl. Hosp. at Memphis, Tenn. since 9/19/65.

WEAD, SAMUEL - enrolled as pvt; age 18; 12/3/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind.; Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Absent sick in U.S. Genl. Hosp. at Indianapolis Ind. since 8/20/65.

BAKER, TIMOTHY - enrolled as Capt. in 12/63 at Indianapolis, Ind. by Gov. Morton; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Resigned (torn) Resignation excepted (accepted) 1/8/65; Was slightly wounded in right arm near Viena, Ala 7/8/64.

NAMES Enrolled at Indianapolis, Ind. by Gov.
RANK Morton; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
AGES at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher;
DATES OF joined at original organization; Was dis-
ENROLLMENT missed from service U.S. 10/15/64 on
OBLITERATED special order (torn off)

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THREE Enrolled at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker;
Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Was transferred to the V.R.C. April (torn off)

Enrolled at _____ ? _____ ville, Ind. by J.R. Smith
mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Was transferred to the Regt. (torn off)

- HAMILTON, ROBERT - enrolled as pvt.; age 19; 12/2/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Was killed by enemy near Vianna, Ala. 7/25/64.
- HUMPHREY, ERASTUS L. - enrolled as cpl.; age 18; 12/16/63 in Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of pneumonia 7/18/65 at Noble County, Ind.
- HOSTETTER, ALVAN - enrolled as bugler; age 18; 10/27/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Congestive Intermittant Fever 9/21/65 at Nashville, Tenn.
- JONES, JOHN - enrolled as pvt; age 18; 12/5/63 at Pleasant Lake, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of heart disease 1/22/65 at Nashville, Tenn.
- LOUTHAN, JOHN - enrolled as pvt.; age 26; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Died of chronic Diarhea on 8/12/65 at Vicksburg, Miss.
- MYRES, JOSEPH - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/9/63 at Corunna, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Died of pneumonia 4/7/64 at DeKalb Co. Ind.

- MULLEN, CHARLES W. - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Sinking chills 8/28/64 at Whitesburg, Ala.
- NOTEMAN, CHARLES - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 11/23/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of typhoid fever 7/7/65 at Columbus, Miss.
- SNITTERLIN, JAMES A. - enrolled as pvt; age 18; 10/18/63 at Selem, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of appoplexy 11/8/64 at Tullahoma, Tenn.
- TRASK, FRANCIS - enrolled as 2m Sergt.; age 24; 12/19/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind., by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of pneumonia, 6/27/64 at Jackson, Miss.
- MERICA, SYLVANNINS - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/7/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by John R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Chronic Diarrhea 9/14/64 at Huntsville, Ind.
- SPILLMAN, MILTON - enrolled as private; age 18; 10/14/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by John R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Deserted 12/25/63 at Kendallville, Ind.
- JAMES H. BAKER - enrolled as pvt; age 21, 10/5/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Deserted 3/25/64 at Kendallville, Ind.

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- ISAAC KERN -enrolled as pvt.; age 23; 12/3/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Deserted 3/23/64 at Kendallville, Ind.
- LAFAYETTE WENDELL - enrolled as pvt.; age 25; 12/1/63 at Kendallville, Indiana by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Deserted 4/1/64 at Kendallville.
- MOSES THOMAS - enrolled as Bugler; age 23; 10/11/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs 12/16/63 at Kendallville Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; deserted 1/1/65 at Louisville, Ky.
- DYE, SAMUEL - enrolled as pvt.; 10/15/63; at Roam Station Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. at Kendallville, Ind. 12/16/63 by Capt. Thatcher.
- JONES, JOHN - enrolled as pvt; 12/5/63 at Pleasant Lake, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher.
- APPLE, LEWIS - enrolled as sergt.; age 22; 10/7/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; was mustered out of U.S. Service at Nashville, Tenn. 7/25/65 by order of War Dept.
- AMSDEN, DANIEL H. - enrolled as Farrier; age 36; 10/3/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; was discharged service of U.S. on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability 7/28/65 at Mobile, Ala.

10/3/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim
mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; was discharged service of U.S.
on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability 7/28/62
at Mobile, Ala.

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Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; was discharged service of U.S.
on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability 7/28/62
at Mobile, Ala.

BROWN, LEWIS - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/3/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined original; Was discharged from the service U.S. on Surgeon's Certificate of disability 9/15/64 at Louisville, Ky.

BEAGLE, JAMES - enrolled as pvt; age 19; 10/5/63 at Wolcottville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Was mustered out service U.S. 8/20/64 at Memphis Tenn. by order War Dept.

BELL, JOSHUA - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/12/63 at Salem, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; Was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's certificate of disability 8/15/65 at Mobile, Ala.

CHAFFEE, LENARD A. - 2m Sergt enrollement; age 28; 10/15/63 at Corunna, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's certificate of disability 9/25/64 at Tullahoma, Tenn.

GIGLEY, FREDERICK - enrolled as pvt.; age 43; 11/1/63 at Elkhart, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's certificate of disability 5/21/65 at St. Louis, Mo.

HARDESTY, ALEXANDER - enrolled as pvt.; age 21; 10/21/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for three years 12/16/63 by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; was mustered out U.S. Service by Order War Dept. at Memphis, Tenn. 8/20/65.

ALEXANDER - enrolled as pvt.; age 21; 10/21/63
at Lebanon, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in
for three years 12/16/63 by Capt. Thatcher;
joined at original organization; was mustered
out U.S. Service by Order War Dept. at Memphis,
Tenn. 8/20/65.

GIBNEY, FREDERICK - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 11/1/63
at Elkhart, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 by Capt. Thatcher;
joined at original organization; was dis-
charged U.S. Service on Surgeon's certificate
of disability 5/21/65 at St. Louis, Mo.

LEWIS, BERNARD A. - enrolled as pvt.; age 20;
10/15/63 at Columbus, Ind. by J. R. Smith;
mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Indianapolis
Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original
organization; was discharged U.S. Service on
Surgeon's certificate of disability 9/25/64
at Tullahoma, Tenn.

J. W. H. - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/1/63
at Lebanon, Ind. by J. R. Smith; mustered in
for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at a time when Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization;
was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's
certificate of disability 1/1/65 at
Memphis, Tenn.

JAMES - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/1/63
at Lebanon, Ind. by J. R. Smith; mustered in
for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at a time when Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization;
was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's
certificate of disability 1/1/65 at
Memphis, Tenn.

J. W. H. - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/1/63
at Lebanon, Ind. by J. R. Smith; mustered in
for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at a time when Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization;
was discharged U.S. Service on Surgeon's
certificate of disability 1/1/65 at
Memphis, Tenn.

ISBELL, JOB R. - enrolled as pvt.; age 33; 10/19/63 at Avilla, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. by Capt. Thatcher at Kendallville, Ind. 12/16/63; joined at original organization; was discharged the U.S. Service on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability 7/17/65 at St. Louis, Mo.

KIRKINDOLL, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/1/63 at Fairfield, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Was mustered out U.S. Service by order War Dept. 6/7/65 at Louisville, Ky.

MAYBEE, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/7/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Iddings; mustered in for 1 yr. 12/9/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Iddings; joined as a recruit; was mustered out U.S. Service by order of War Dept. 8/18/65 at Indianapolis, Ind.

MELLEN, EDWIN - enrolled as pvt.; age 45; 12/19/63 at Kendallville, Indiana by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; was mustered out the U.S. Service by order War Dept. 6/18/65 at Louisville, Ky.

SMITH, CHARLES C. - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/63 at Lisbon, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; was discharged the U.S. Service on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability 8/30/64 at Louisville, Ky.

WRIGHT, JEPHTHA - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 12/20/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; Joined at original organization; was mustered out the U.S. Service by order War Dept. 6/14/65 Grant Hosp. NY.

1. 10/15/33 - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/33
at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

2. 10/15/33 - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/33
at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

3. 10/15/33 - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/33
at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

4. 10/15/33 - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/33
at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

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at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

6. 10/15/33 - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/15/33
at Louisville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered
in for 3 yrs. 12/15/35 at 1st Lt. Ind.
by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organ-
ization; was discharged the U.S. Service
order War Dept. 3/15/36 at Louisville, Ky.

WERTSBAUGH, SAMUEL - enrolled as pvt.; age 21; 11/25/63 at Wolf Lake, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization. Was mustered out the U.S. Service by order of War Dept. 6/3/65 at Louisville, Ky.

BENTON, JOSIAH - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/13/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; died of typhoid fever 3/13/64 Kendallville, Ind.

BOLEY, JOHN - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 11/10/63 at Waterloo City, Ind. by Cyrus Hawley; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of congestion of the Brain 12/17/64 at Louisville, Ky.

COOK, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 10/19/63 at Salem, Ind. by L. Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of pneumonia 4/3/64 at Steuben Co. Ind.

CALL, WILLIAM - enrolled as pvt.; age 21; 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Levi Burden; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Chronic Diarrhea 3/26/65 at Vicksburg, Miss.

COCHRAN, MARION F. - enrolled as pvt.; age 18; 11/17/63 at Ligonier, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; died of Consumption 12/16/64 at Louisville, Ky.

12/15/43 - enrolled as Pvt.; age 19; 12/15/43 at
Kendallville, Ind. by L. D. Smith; transferred to
12/15/43 at Kendallville, Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organiza-
tion; Died of Chronic Diarrhea 8/26/45 at
Vicksburg, Miss.

12/15/43 - enrolled as Pvt.; age 19; 12/15/43 at
Kendallville, Ind. by L. D. Smith; transferred to
12/15/43 at Kendallville, Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organiza-
tion; Died of Chronic Diarrhea 8/26/45 at
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Kendallville, Ind. by L. D. Smith; transferred to
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Vicksburg, Miss.

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Kendallville, Ind. by L. D. Smith; transferred to
12/15/43 at Kendallville, Ind. by
Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organiza-
tion; Died of Chronic Diarrhea 8/26/45 at
Vicksburg, Miss.

EGGLESTON, PETER - enrolled as private; age 18; 11/19/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by J.R. Smith; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Pneumonia 1/15/65 at Nashville, Tenn.

FORDHAM, CEPHUS - enrolled as pvt.; age 43; 10/3/63 at Wawaka, Ind. by Tim Baker; mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, Ind. by Capt. Thatcher; joined at original organization; Died of Pneumonia 1/25/65 at Nashville, Tenn.

MUSTER ROLL of CAPTAIN JOHN R. SMITH, COMPANY B of the Twelfth REGIMENT of Indiana Cavalry Vols.

UNITED STATES ARMY

COLONEL Edward Anderson, FROM THE Twenty-eighth day of February, 1865, WHEN LAST MUSTERED to the Thirtieth Day of June, 1865

JOHN R. SMITH- enrolled as Capt. 4/1/65 at New Orleans by Gov. Morton. Mustered into service 4/1/65 at Montgomery by Capt. Bush.

FRANKLIN L. JOHNSTON - enrolled as 1st lieut. 4/1/65 at New Orleans by Gov. Morton. Mustered into service 4/1/65 at Montgomery by Capt. Bush.

JOHN W. GRIFFITH - enrolled as 1st sergt. 11/10/63 at Waterloo City by C. Hawley. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

FRANCIS TRASK - enrolled as 2nd Sergt. 12/19/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

JAMES M. BILLINGS - enrolled as Com Sergt. 10/19/63 at Swan, Ind. by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.

ROBERT KENT - enrolled as Sergt 10/24/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

- LEWIS APPLE - enrolled as Sergt.; 12/7/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MILTON C. JONES - enrolled as Sergt.; 11/9/63 at Waterloo City by C. Hawley. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- VENIRE SMITH - enrolled as Sergt.; 10/9/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- SIDNEY P. JONES - enrolled as Sergt.; 11/10/63 at Waterloo City by C. Hawley. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- JOHN B. ROW - enrolled as Cpl.; 12/18/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WILLIAM D. McBEE - enrolled as cpl.; 12/21/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- THOMAS B. FISHER - enrolled as Cpl.; 10/24/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- ISAAC SPRINGER - enrolled as Clp.; 12/8/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- GEORGE AUSTEN - enrolled as Cpl.; 11/6/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- ERASTUS L. HUMPHREYS - enrolled as Cpl.; 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- DAVID SPARROW - enrolled as Cpl.; 12/10/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

- SAMUEL H. SMITH - enrolled as Cpl.; 10/11/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- DANIEL AMSDEN - enrolled as Farrier; 10/3/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- ADOLPHUS THOMPSON - enrolled as blacksmith; 12/3/63 at Wawaka by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- LEWIS F. BILLMAN - enrolled as Bugler; 10/13/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- ALVIN I. HOSTETTER - enrolled as Bugler; 10/27/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WILLIAM FENTON - enrolled as Sadler; 10/17/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MICHAEL BOWER - enrolled as Wagoner 12/1/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- ANDERSON, ROBERT - enrolled as pvt. 10/15/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BEAGLE, JAMES - enrolled as pvt. 10/5/63 at Wolcottville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BOWER, ALFRED - enrolled as pvt. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BAILEY, ALEXANDER - enrolled as pvt. 10/3/63 at Fairfield by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

- BUFFORD, EDWARD - enrolled as pvt. 11/19/63 at Eel River
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BEANBLOSSOM, CHARLES - enrolled as pvt.; 12/1/63 at
Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BELL, JOSHUA - enrolled as pvt. 12/12/63 at Salem by
L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BLOWERS, JOHN L. - enrolled as pvt. 12/15/63 at Kendall-
ville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BIDWELL, CARLETON D. - enrolled as pvt. 12/20/63 at
Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs
1/20/64 at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- CHURCH, ISRAEL - enrolled as pvt. 10/6/63 at Fairfield
by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- CHAFFEE, ALONZO J. - enrolled as pvt. 10/1/63 at Corunna
by L. Burden; Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- DUEL, JOHN L. - enrolled as pvt. 9/25/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- DEETZ, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 10/26/63 at Fairfield by
L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- DYE, SAMUEL - enrolled 10/15/63 as pvt. at Rome Station
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- EGGLESTON, THEODORE - enrolled as pvt. 10/14/63 at
Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3
yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

1. 10/14/63 - enrolled as pvt. 10/14/63 at
at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/15/63

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at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
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at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
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at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/15/63

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at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/15/63

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at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/15/63

11. 10/14/63 - enrolled as pvt. 10/14/63 at
at Nashville by Capt. Thatcher.
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/15/63

- ELI GRIMES - enrolled as pvt. 11/12/63 at Ligonier by
Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- GIBSON, JOHN -enrolled as pvt. 10/12/63 at Wawaka by
Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- GIGLO, FREDERICK - enrolled as pvt. 11/1/63 at Elkhart
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- GUNDER, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt. 11/3/63 at Ligonier
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HARDENBROOK, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt. 10/12/63 at Wawaka
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HARDENBURGH, WM. - enrolled as pvt. 10/3/63 at Ligonier
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HILKERT, FRANKLIN - enrolled as pvt. 10/12/63 at Swan
Ind. by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HARDESTY, ALEXANDER - enrolled as pvt. 10/12/63 at
Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HAMEL, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 12/8/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- HARBAUGH, HENRY - enrolled as pvt. 12/9/63 at Fairfield
by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- HUMPHREYS, PHAORTES - enrolled as pvt. 3/4/65 at India-
napolis by D. Braden. Mustered in for 1 yr. 3/4/65
at Indianapolis by Capt. Braden.

- ISBELL, JOB R. - enrolled as pvt. 10/19/63 at Avilla,
Ind. by John R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- KNIGHT, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt. 11/5/63 at Wawaka
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt Thatcher.
- KLOTZ, ANDREW - enrolled as pvt. 10/8/63 at Eel River
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- KIRKENDOLL, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt. 12/1/63 at Fair-
field by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- KARNS, SAMUEL S. - enrolled as pvt. 12/9/63 at Kendall-
ville by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville, by Capt. Thatcher.
- LOUTHAN, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 12/16/63 at Kendallville
by John R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MILLEN, EDWIN - enrolled as pvt. 10/19/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MILLER, GEORGE W. - enrolled as pvt. 10/11/63 at Wawaka
by J.R. Smith Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MCKINNEY, WILLARD - enrolled as pvt. 12/1/63 at Ligonier
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- NOONEN, DAVID - enrolled as pvt. 10/20/63 at Fairfield
by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- NOTEMAN, CHARLES - enrolled as pvt. 11/23/63 at Wawaka
by Tim Baker. mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

- PRICKET, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 12/16/63 at Kendallville
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- PARKS, MADISON E. - enrolled as pvt. 10/24/63 at Lig-
onier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- PALMER, MARTIN - enrolled as pvt. 9/29/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- ROBERTS, JOSEPH - enrolled as pvt. 10/23/63 at Kendall-
ville by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- SHAW, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 11/8/63 at Richland
by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- STORY, SAMUEL S. - enrolled as pvt. 12/16/63 at Kendall-
ville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- SHOEMAKER, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 12/30/63 at Kendall-
ville by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
11/10/64 (believe date should be 1/10/64) at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- STIGNER, CHARLES W. - enrolled as pvt. 3/16/64 at Ken-
dallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs.
4/28/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Hager.
- SNURR, DAVID - enrolled as pvt. 9/29/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- THOMPSON, HIRAM - enrolled as pvt. 10/3/63 at Wawaka
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

- TROYER, DANIEL - enrolled as pvt. 10/24/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 (or 1/10/64) at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WEBSTER, JOHN - enrolled as pvt. 11/5/63 at Wawaka by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WOLFE, DAVID - enrolled as pvt. 11/10/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WARREN, HARRIS - enrolled as pvt. 11/15/63 at Rome Station by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WEIRICK, JOSEPH - enrolled as pvt. 11/11/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WERTSBAUGH, SAMUEL - enrolled as pvt. 11/23/63 at Wolf Lake by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WEADE, CHARLES - enrolled as pvt. 12/3/63 at Ligonier by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WRIGHT, JEPHTHA - enrolled as pvt. 12/20/63 at Kendallville by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 4/28/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Hager.
- LEACH, B.B. - enrolled as pvt. 9/29/63 at Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MAYBEE, GEORGE - enrolled as pvt. 12/7/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Iddings. Mustered in for 1 yr. 12/9/64 at Kendallville by Capt. Iddings.

1. J. L. L. - enrolled as vtr. 11. 11. 1913 at
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(at 11. 11. 1913) at 11. 11. 1913.

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by J. L. L. - enrolled as vtr. 11. 11. 1913

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- PARKS, SOLATHIEL - enrolled as pvt. 10/24/63 at Ligonier
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- CALL, WILLIAM - enrolled as pvt. 12/16/63 at Kendallville
by L. Burden. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- BAKER, JAMES H. - enrolled as pvt. 10/5/63 at Ligonier
by Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- KERN, ISAAC - enrolled as pvt. 12/3/63 at Ligonier by
Tim Baker. Mustered in for 3 yrs. 1/10/64 at
Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- SPILLMAN, MILTON - enrolled as pvt. 10/14/63 at
Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3
years 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- WENDELL, LARAYETTE - enrolled as pvt. 12/1/63 at
Kendallville by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3
yrs. 12/16/63 at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.
- MOSER, THOMAS - enrolled as pvt. 10/1/63 at Kendallville
by J.R. Smith. Mustered in for 3 years 12/16/63
at Kendallville by Capt. Thatcher.

Rev. Father D. Duehmig

Father D. Duehmig was born in the province of Baden in Germany, Nov. 9, 1842. He died at the Kneipp Sanitarium at Spring Beach near Rome City, on Saturday June 3, 1905, where he had been receiving treatment. He had been improved from time to time and his friends hoped he might recover his former health and power, but it was willed otherwise and a busy and useful life has ceased to exist.

He was educated in Germany and was splendidly equipped and fitted for the great work he performed. After attending the public schools until his fourteenth year, he entered college for the study of the classics. He completed the course at the University of Friburg. He studied philosophy and theology at the University of Lovain, Belgium and was ordained priest on August 5, 1866 at Leige.

Shortly after his ordination he came to the United States and was soon at Ft. Wayne, where he offered himself to Bishop Luers, then head of the diocese of Ft. Wayne and his services were gladly accepted. He was sent to Huntington to fill the place of the pastor who was absent on account of sickness. Later he was sent to Avilla and became the assistant to the Rev. A.B. Oechtering, who was then pastor there.

The Catholic settlements in the northern counties were growing at a rapid rate, and Bishop Luers found it necessary to send more missionaries into the field. He soon succeeded Rev. Oechtering and became the pastor of St. Mary's Church at Avilla, which position he was occupying with great honor and success when called to higher duties.

In addition to his parish duties at Avilla, he had to attend missions at Albion, Laotto, Kendallville, Ligonier, Ege, Bremen, Auburn, Millersburg, Angola, Waterloo, Summit Goshen, Lagrange, Butler, Leo, Rome City and other places. In referring to his work the Ft. Wayne Journal pays him the following interesting review:

Those were days of severe trial for the minister of the gospel, for in addition to the regular pilgrimages to attend his charges, there were frequent calls by day or night for the priest to administer the sacraments to the dying.

But no matter what the distance, or the hour, in storm and snow and rain, Father Duehmig would start on the long lonely drive through the country to afford the last consolations of religion to the departing souls of his people.

As the years went by and the population increased, Father Duehmig bent his efforts toward the building of the churches and most of the congregations in Noble, Lagrange, Whitley, Elkhart, Dekalb and Stueben counties were founded by him. He raised the funds for the churches, paid the debts, and sometimes worked with the laborers. In time, also, the population at one place or the other demanded resident pastors and these wants were supplied as fast as priests could be secured, so that for the past few years Father Duehmig, saw nearly all his former missions supplied, with pastors and he confined his labors to his original parish.

The last important place he attended as a mission was Kendallville, which was close to his home and for many years he was wont to drive to Kendallville in the early Sunday mornings, read Mass and then drive back to Avilla to minister to his own congregation. Seven or eight years ago, however, a pastor was appointed at Kendallville and Father Duehmig was relieved of the charge.

His work here certainly was of high order and his people respected, honored and loved him. This admiration of his excellent qualities was not confined to his church people, but the people here in general regardless of creed, held him in the highest esteem. His coming in and going out was always hailed with pleasure by everyone, and great regret and lamentation now exist among all the people that his well known form, approving smile and cordial greetings can no longer be seen in our midst. All realize that a good man has gone from among us.

The funeral was held at the St. Mary's Church on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and was very largely attended by the members of the parish and people from the adjoining country, cities and towns. Sixty priests were in attendance.

The services were in charge of Rt. Rev. Allerding, of Ft. Wayne; Very Rev. J.H. Oechtering, assistant priest; Very Rev. J.H. Bathe and Very Rev. John Diunen, deacons of honor to the bishop. Very Rev. Mgr. Reiner delivered the

principal German discourse and Bishop Allerding the English sermon. He also pronounced the absolution.

Rev. Louis Mouch, Celebrant of Mass; Rev. Adam Buccard, Deacon; Rev. John Schmidz, Sub. Deacon; Rev. John Noll, Master of ceremonies; Rev. Edward Mongovan and Lawrence Everle, Accolytes. Rev. Nicholas Kramer, Censor Bearer. Rev. Simon Yenn presided as the organ. Rev. M.P. Lowen and John Keller, general committee of arrangements. At the conclusion of the services the remains were taken to the Catholic cemetery north of the church for interment, accompanied by an immense procession of members, school children, Catholic Knights, prieses and citizens.

Wilmot Mill

Jacob Rider built the first saw mill in 1848 and the first grist mill in 1855, in Washington Township, Noble County, Indiana. A Mr. Erbough bought the mill from Rider and operated it for a number of years and couldn't pay for it, and it went back to Mr. Rider. Next owner was Noah Myers and his sister Anna Hartsock, who heired it from the Rider estate. Their mother was Jacob Rider's daughter. James Hartsock operated the mill for Noah Myers and Anna Hartsock, his wife. Next Lincoln Scott bought it, then John Kline and Jim Stump. Then Kline sold his interest to Stump. Stump was sole owner when the mill burned in 1930, July 7.

Mrs. O'Danold, who owns and operates the North Webster mill has bought the ole mill site from Stump.

The Pound and Dam has always furnished the power to run the mill. The Dam was built before the Civil war. It has gone out three times and had to be rebuilt. The last time it washed out was two years ago and they brought C.C.C. boys over from the Lake Wawasee Camp to help rebuild it. It was a Negro Camp.

Maud Beezley to Mrs. C.W. Shew now
deceased.

April 5, 1938
(1938)

Bradley House

The home in which I now live was at one time a portion of the Old Bradley House. Albion was chosen for the county seat in August 1846, and the Bradley House was soon built at the S.W. Corner of North York and Jefferson Sts.

In 1900 the old hotel was moved away, one portion being at present the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cook and another portion now our home, was moved to present location by Marion Spencer. The floors are of oak, the lath are full length and the wall and the base timbers were put together with long wooden pins.

The upstairs rooms have ceilings one foot higher then those down stairs.

The hotel was named Bradley House after its builder and proprietor, Hiram Bradley and was conducted under his management until his death; then by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Bradley until her death and was managed by others until it was dismantled.

Mrs. W.T. Reynolds.

Notes:

Bradley House by Dr. Harkins north part
Hiram Bradley South
on N.W. Corner Public Square--moved about 1900

The original building by Dr. Harkins is now the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cook
The later portion built by Hiram Bradley is now the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Reynolds.

Earls Settler's Houses

Some of the houses built by the early settlers of Noble County are described in the following notes. These houses are and were in the neighborhood of Center Chapel.

The Hague home, built in 1845 by Errol Watkins was the first frame house in that vicinity. It was remodeled by John Hague, but one window was left intact, showing foot wide casings and wainscoting.

The Jack Kesler house had a spiral staircase, a fireplace in each room; chimney up through the center of the house; each room was shaped like a piece of pie. It was torn down in 1896 and lumber used in present barn of John Rhea. The house was built by Sammy Hosler. Jack Kesler and son Will are buried in cemetery near Hagues.

Jack Kesler was a brother to Andy Kesler, who, in turn, was a father of T.P. Kesler, who was the father of present Glenn Kesler.

In front of the house, on second story was a porch inset in the house and covered in front by lattice work. It was told that Kesler had eight daughters, but Mr. Hague doesn't remember how many he had.

(Notes furnished by Mr. John Hague)

Lawyers of 1876

Twenty three years is not so long a period of time, measured by ordinary standards, but it is sufficiently long for much change to occur in a community or in a body of men.

One does not realize these changes until he is brought face to face with them, and then the effect is apt to be startling. This is particularly apparent in the bar of Noble County.

The Albion New Era is reproducing some very interesting notes from its early files, and it gives the following list of attorneys present at the January 1876 term of the Noble Circuit Court. -- Wm. M. Clapp, Hiram S. Tousley, Fielding Prickett, J.M. Denny, N. Prentis, T.M. Eells and T.D. Evans of Albion; A.A. Chapin, L.E. Goodwin, T.L. Graves, and U.C. Mains of Kendallville; J.E. Knisely and Van Camp of Ligonier; P.A. Randall and Judge Robert Loury of Ft. Wayne; James S. Collins of Columbia City; Mr. Merritt of Lagrange, E.D. Haines, Avilla; and D.K. Peren of Wolcotville.

Of the Albion Attorneys, Messrs. Clapp, Tousley, Prickett and Prentis have joined the silent majority. Evans moved away years ago, Denny is living in peaceful retirement in Albion and Eells alone of the old guard remains in the active practice of his profession.

Of the Kendallville attorneys, death has taken Goodwin and Mains, Chapin is a resident of Ft. Wayne and T.L. Graves alone remains. P.A. Randall and Judge Lowry are yet in the professional harness at Ft. Wayne, and Mr. Merritt remains at Lagrange. James S. Collins died at Columbia City a few weeks ago, and E.D. Haines is at Muskegon, Mich; we are told.

Of Messrs. Kinsely and Van Camp of Ligonier and Peren of Wolcotville, we know nothing except that they are not now in the practice of law at those places.

Truly time has wrought great change in the ranks of the legal profession since 1876.

Tragic Death of A.G. Coyner shock to City

Had practiced medicine in Kendallville for over 26 years.
Active in Lodge Circles. Many pay last tribute at funeral
this afternoon in M.E. Church

Kendallville people this afternoon paid their last loving tribute to the memory of one of the city's best known physicians; Dr. A.G. Coyner, whose tragic death late Saturday afternoon came as a distinct shock to his legion of business and professional associates, lodge friends and wide circle of acquaintances.

The funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 3 o'clock, the obsequies being conducted by the Rev. Millard Pell, assisted by the Masonic order, the ritualistic services being exemplified in every detail. The prominence of the decedent in fraternal circles was evidenced by the representative delegations of the different organizations of which he was a member, attending in a body. The seniority of the lodges of which he was a member, was given the preference and funeral procession was led by the Odd Fellows, the other lodge delegations following including the Knights of Pythias, the Ben Hurs and the Elks, the Masonic order bring up the rear. A number of Ft. Wayne Masons were in attendance.

The Barhan-Parks-McFarland House

In 1837 my grandfather, Christian Barhan, then 21 years old, bought our home of 240 acres in the eastern part of Jefferson Township. It was a part of considerable land owned by a man who had bought it directly from the U.S. Government. The entire farm was timbered with great straight trees, many of them meeting no better fate than burning in heaps to free the ground for cultivation. Another incumbrance was an Indian sugar camp. To induce the Indians to move on, the new owner quietly split their sap troughs.

Having no buildings on his land, grandfather made his home with John Foster and family on the farm long known as the John Ely farm, later and now, as the H.G. Eshelman home. It meant a long walk to and from work.

After 13 years of hard work, grandfather had his farm partly cleared and some buildings done. Being a fairly good carpenter he built his log cabin as one of the aristocrats among cabins--all hewed logs and at the age of 34, he married grandmother, a girl of 21, bringing her to his nearly wilderness home in 1850.

The cabin was built, as were many houses in the neighborhood, by a good spring. They must have begun planning the new house almost at once, as it was completed seven years after their marriage. Two years were spent in the actual building of the house. To get lumber for it, logs were hauled from the farm to Ft. Wayne by horses or oxen, possibly both, making the return trip with the sawed lumber by the second day. No factory work was available then, so the carpenters, Geo. and Philip Pepple did all the framing (is that the word?) making the 35 windows and frames and the 21 doors and frames themselves and the sound solid condition of the house to-day pays tribute to their faithful work. The woodwork of the entire house (much of it put together with square pegs) with the exception of the dining room and kitchen, was made from the

giant black walnut trees which were then only encumbering the ground. Fine straight hard wood trees furnished the foot square timbers, 48 feet long and, for the rafters only long straight poles were used. Not even barns are so sturdily built today, as grandfather built his house, which, with care should last almost indefinitely.

I think the first roofing was clapboards. They covered the cabin, I know and I think Mother said they were used on the house.

The dining room was first intended for wood, later was finished for a room and an outside wood house built. The spring water was brought to the house by piping, a pump and sink placed in the kitchen and a cistern built under the house, so grandmother always had a house abreast of the times for beauty and convenience.

What a joy and satisfaction they must have felt in erecting these splendid buildings, one after another, going from success to success. Many the time soon come when we farmers of today may renew instead of robbing our tired soils, build our good fences and protect with repairs and paint, the loved old buildings where our grandparents suffered, enjoyed and wrought far better than they knew. We too would leave a worthy inheritance.

(Signed) Jesta Parks

Sadie Woodruff is Interviewed

Gives Slant On Summer Students at New York; Sight-seeing Popular

Miss Sadie Woodruff of near Kendallville, who teaches English at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., is now taking summer study in New York, has come into the limelight, the result of dispatches sent from the eastern metropolis, which states that sightseeing is the favorite sport of school teachers who have gone to New York for summer school work.

The dispatch in part reads:

"Knitting and bridge-playing rank lowest on their list of diversions. So eight teachers from as many states agreed today when interviewed at Random on the Columbia university teachers college campus.

"Sadie Woodruff, of Indianapolis and Kendallville, Ind. who teaches English at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. said she was curiously uplifted.

"I have been here a week and that week was worth waiting seven years for or a lifetime, said Miss Woodruff, a brown-haired former missionary.

"Radio City music hall is so handsome that I forgot the garters of the chorus, she said."

(Copy)

Rangoon, Burma
March 5, 1921

Dear Miss Sinclair:

It was two months lacking one day from the time I started from my home, Nov. 29, until I arrived in Rangoon, Jan. 28. We visited our school in Yokahama. They took us to a Christmas entertainment in one of the churches. I wish you could have heard the children singing with all their might and main. They looked so dear in their kimonas. One mother's baby became restless, so she got up and went to the back of the church and gently teetered it up and down in its little papoose case on her back.

At Shanghai, we were entertained at lunch by Miss Strow. We arrived in Shanghai on New Year's Day. She had received a plum pudding from home, and for desert she served it. Needless to say, we all enjoyed the New Year's celebration. We were sorry to part with Miss Gable and Miss Vandertill here.

Hong Kong we found very very beautiful. Such loveliness in mountains, in views of the bay and ocean! We enjoyed its tropical flowers and trees.

We were about a week at Singapore as our boat had much loading and unloading to do. We visited our mission schools there. It was very interesting. The school work was in English, for there were so many nationalities represented that there would not have been much in common with any other language.

At Penang we had a most unusual occasion in store for us. It was the yearly Indian festival, the Taipisum. The streets were crowded with people in holiday costume. The women wore the gayest of reds and scarlets and the brightest of greens. There were ornaments on their ankles, on their arms, around their necks, in their ears and noses. We saw some with as many as five pairs of earrings. Some of the people

bore arches laden with fruits and decorated with flowers. There were some with spikes of silver piercing their tongues, their cheeks and their necks. We were told that this was because of vows of their gods that he grant them some favor. We saw the huge images of their gods. We saw incense burned before them and offerings of real food placed before them. Of course we had heard that this was done, but to really see the people worshipping this way, made a different impression. To us, it seemed more like the motley crowd of a fair than any religious service. All that day we saw their religious practices, and their images of gods, and their offerings, the thought came to us of how glad, glad we were to have been born in a Christian land; that it was not us who were the ones who were bearing the arches, and piercing our cheeks and offering food to idols. But we were thrice glad that we were on our way to bring the message of Jesus to those who knew it not. A loving Heavenly Father for a wrathful god who must be appeased. A god who wishes not "vain oblations" but worship in spirit and service.

So it was with joy and thanksgiving I looked forward to my arrival in Rangoon. It was with mingled emotions that I saw our boat slowly, Oh so slowly it seemed to me, dock, and the gang-plank lowered so that we could cross and greet the members of our mission family who were on the dock to give us such a warm and hearty welcome.

I found that my appointment for the present was to be at the Methodist Girls' School. There is a boarding department of about forty and a day school of about two hundred. The school is from the kindergarten through high school. The girls are for the most part Anglo-Indian, or Burmese, or Chinese. Some of the girls' mothers are Burmese, their fathers English. Some of them cannot speak English when they come to the school. When some of the girls' mothers come to visit them, they are in the native dress, of course and smoking the long cigar made of a certain weed. So you can see what conditions the girls would live in at home, and how much a school home like this would do

to give them different ideals. Some of the girls come from towns at some distance from Rangoon and have been in the school since they were small children.

There is something pitiful about the race mixture. Since they are not "punka" or of one race purity. One little girl was talking to another and she said, "Just think, if your father was English and your mother was English too, you would be so white, oh, you would be as white as pearls and you would be so pretty."

So far, I have some classes in history, in Latin and in Scripture. The work is in English, of course. We have a very pleasant grounds. There are some real palm trees in our compound. The colors of the flowers are most gorgeous and beautiful. The days of course are quite warm but the nights are cool so far.

I find the school work very interesting. Miss Amburn from DesMoins Branch is here also, and Miss Ashwill from the Cincinnatti Branch. Miss Ashwill is the principal. We have a lovely missionary family here, the Riggs, the Abbeys, who are new-comers, Miss Shannon, Miss James, Miss Power and Miss King. I visited Miss King's chinese school and found such interesting and bright little "girls" but of course they looked like boys. But I must close tho it is hard to do so. With best wishes.

Lovingly,

Sadie J. Woodruff

Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Newnam attended the soldiers' basket dinner and picnic at Mt. Pisgah, LaGrange county, on Saturday, and report having spent an exceedingly pleasant day. Because of the extensive acquaintances which they enjoy in that vicinity, the occasion afforded them an excellent opportunity to meet hosts of relatives friends and acquaintances while there. The reunion was held within a mile of the exact place where Mr. Newnam's parents settled upon their arrival in Indiana in 1837, they having landed there on ground-hog day of that year, at the home of Mr. Skinner Newnam, an uncle of N.B. Newnam, who had journeyed into the wilds of Indiana a year or so before. The family, which then consisted of the parents and four children, spent the night previous to their arrival in LaGrange County at the home of Mr. George T. Ulmer, an early and well-known settler, who had carved out a rude home on what is now known as Iddings addition in this city and very near the residence of James Hammel on the south side. Mr. Newnam was then a lad of only eight years of age, but distinctly remembers his arrival in Hoosierdom. A Somewhat singular coincidence is observable in the fact that the parents of Mrs. Newnam's, Col. and Mrs. Wm. Cochran, came to LaGrange County, the same year as Mr. Newnam's parents and both were born the same year, the former in Maryland and the latter in Ohio.

From Kendallville Standard
Aug. 25, 1899

Romance Recalled

By the Death of Mrs. Nancy Ringle at Jacksontown, Ohio

The following notice clipped from the Ohio paper has been handed us by Mr. Spindler of this city:

Newark, Ohio, Jan. 28-(Special)

Quite a romance is connected with the life of Mrs. Nancy Ringle, known by nearly everybody as Miss Nancy Davis who died Wednesday morning at her home one mile west of Jacksontown, this county, aged seventy-three years.

When she was twenty-six years of age Mr. Peter Ringle, a shoemaker, living at Jacksontown, was a suitor for her hand, but he was rejected. Mr. Ringle finally married another woman, went west and raised a family. Death, however, robbed him of his wife and in course of time he began to think of his old sweetheart back in Ohio. Letters were exchanged and in a short time Miss Davis reconsidered her refusal of thirty years before and the two were married in the year 1881, she then being fifty-six years of age. Mr. Ringle and his bride then went to Kendallville, Ind. where a home was purchased.

Twelve years afterward Mr. Ringle died and the widow returned to Licking county, but the marriage was rarely mentioned and the widow was known to all as Miss Nancy Davis. The funeral will take place to-day at Fairmount church, Rev. Mr. Hickman officiating.

South Milford Day Book

A Day Book by Proprietor of a general store in South Milford in the years 1855 and 1856.

First part of book had been used as scrapbook and many leaves had been cut out. Many leaves with names not readable.

Adams:

Almeda
Augustus
Jacob

Acherman:

David

Ackerman:

William
Abram

Austin:

John W.
O.P.
O.R.
Mrs. O.P.
Frederick
Richard

Aby:

Ephraim

Ackley:

Lyman
R.C.

Andrews:

James

Allen:

H.G.

Baily:

William D.

Barber:

Leonard
Jackson

Baird:

Milton B.

Barritt

Henry
I.A.
J.H.

Bartlett:

John A. cotton hose
for Celia

John C.

Bartlett & Henry

Bassett:

George

Bates:

Mrs.
Mr.
T.

Beers:

L.A.
L.N.
Beers & Sabin

Beswick:

Mr.

Bidwell:

Daniel
John

Blackman

Alanson
----lanson

Bowers:

Philip
John

Bower:

Alfred
N. Clayton
Bonybarger:
Christopher

Bullock:

Israel L.

Burnham:

H.R.

Brillhart:

Edward

Day Book continued--

Brown:	Coplin:
Francis	G.W. & son Theodore
Thomas	Creigh:
Butler:	David
David	Culver:
Butts:	Isaih (Isaiah)
George	Cummings:
Brundige:	John
Ezickel	Curtiss:
Blehoffer:	Alanson
Elias	A.
Call:	Dassin:
Joseph	John
Cannon:	Dawson:
Wm. H.	John
Carey:	Dancer:
John	John
Case:	Doct Dancer & Smith
D.R.	?Daldin:
Perry	John
Zopher	Daniels:
Chaffee:	Allen
Elias B.	Daniel:
E.B.	Allen & Co.
Nelson	Daniel:
Robert	E. & Co.
?Cheiter:	Darling:
Frederick	Mr.
Clinesmith:	Day:
Henry	D.R.
?Cluff:	Harriet
Robert	Jonathan
Cochran:	Nathan
Caroline	Samuel
Charles	Davis:
John C.	Perry
Conymer or Conyne:	Dening:
Abraham	Mrs.
Conyer:	Deyer:
Abram	Davis
Coosart:	Dewitt:
George	-linton
	Clinton

Day Book continued --

Dingman:	Fike:
Jerret	Jacob
Jeret	Fish:
Dickinson:	Charles
Western	Hiram
Dreyer:	Wilson
Byron	Fowler:
Welcom	Elsie
Dodge:	
Ace	by cash for Terence
Dudley:	2 yds. merino for
Albert	Sarah
Duers:	per Anah
Harrison	Francis:
Dunbar:	Samuel
Cyrelia	Fuller:
John	Orrin
Duncan:	trimming for coffin
James	for Mrs. Drenin
Dunn:	Hammon:
Wm.	Jacob
Dwelly:	Hamlin:
Albert	Wallace
Dyer:	Hammers:
Wm.	Mrs.
F.F.	Charles
Eberhart:	Handy:
George	John
G.B.	Hardy:
Emerick:	John
S.T.	Harper:
Englert:	Doct
Peter	Joseph
Enos:	Harriss:
George	Mrs.
Ervin or Ewin	Hardsock:
Ed.	Jane
Farris:	Hartsock:
Mrs.	Eliza
Felch:	Hannah
S.S.	Hatch:
Fink:	Nancy
Jacob	Haywood:
	Isaac

Day Book continued--

Helmer:	Johnston:
Peter	John
Mr.	Kimmel:
Cyrus	Aaron
Philip	Kinsman:
Mrs. Philip	S.
Haviland:	King:
John	Cushing
Henry:	Mrs.
Francis	Rufus
Henry:	Kittle:
Oliver	Lyman
Hitchcock:	Kinly:
H.	Mrs.
Hill:	Lawrence:
Lawrence	Wm.
Hill:	Larned:
Lawrence	J. W.
Nicholas	Learned:
Howard;	-----
Lewis	Lee:
Alexander	Sarah
Houts:	Lewis:
Israel	Edgar
Hovey:	Leighman:
A. D.	Mr.
Hutchins:	Linkelpaugh:
Rosco	Albert
Holly:	Longyear:
John	John
Inglert:	Lovett:
Peter	George
John Peter	Rodman
Irish:	Thomas
David	Wm.
Isaac	Martin:
Jackson:	John
W. C.	Henry
James:	Marks:
George	Samuel
	- Meeker:
	George
	Ira

Day Book continued --

Minely:	Odle:
Alexander	Mr .
Widow	Oiler:
Merkling:	James
George	Opa:
Merriweather:	Albert
Charles	Oatman:
Wm .	Truman
Milks:	Outman:
Henry	Truman
Mills:	Parker:
Roman	-----
Miller:	Parks:
Henry	John D .
Mudge:	Patton:
Smith	David
Myers:	Paulus:
Doet E .	Henry
Johathan	Payne
Wm .	L . D .
McClish:	Perkins:
Jacob	Jacob
McCollum:	Pixley:
Isaac	Eli
Nesbitt:	Sabra
Luther	Pooler:
J . H .	Elon S .
Newnam:	Powels:
Daniel	Henry
Gay P .	Powlass:
G . P .	Henry
Gary P .	Pyatt:
J . P .	Moses
Julia	Jackson
F . A .	Putt:
Nicholas	George
Nichols:	Radway:
John B .	Mr .
Notting:	Randall:
James	David
Northam:	Widow
Samuel	Rearn:
	Philip

Day Book continued--

Reed:	I. J.	Shifelly:	John
	John J.	Sherman:	John
	Amagiah	Smith:	Adam
	John G.		Coonrad
Repine:	Joseph		Rachel
	John		George
	John C.		G. A.
Rapine:	Joseph		Royal
Reynolds:			Jov C.
	Horton	Somers:	John M.
Rice:	Abner	Spellman:	E. P.
Right:	Japtha		E. R.
Rosenberry:	Andrew	Stanton:	Addison
Rouse:	Daniel		C. S.
	Caroline		Caleb
Roberts:	Levi	Stanton:	Addison
Rowland:	Joseph	Stevens:	John
	William	Stephens:	John
Sabin:	Peter	Stockwell:	Ephraim
Sapp:	Isaac		Widow
Sackrider:	William	Stoehr:	John
Sewell:	James	Story:	Orson
Shields:	Richard	Stoy:	Orson B.
	J. R.	Strong:	A. W.
			Austin

Day Book continued--

Strawser:	Tinkelpaugh:
George	Almon
Sturgis:	Thomson:
Ira, Isaac	John
Jacob	Townsend:
Widow	William
Milton	Traster:
Symons:	Frederic
James C.	Treister:
John	Frederic
Switzer:	Trindle:
Joseph	Hamilton
Swain:	Mathew
John B.	Turner:
Swogger:	Charles
Isaac	Wallace:
Swogger: John A.	Henry
Swogger:	Watson:
Thomas	Anthony
Swogger:	Waterhouse:
Washington	Chancy G.R.
Shoults:	B.B.
Jacob	Webster:
Stork:	H.
John	Horace
Stoemer:	Westby:
Richard	Adam
Schnietger:	Westbay:
Joseph	Adam
Taulor:	Westley:
Philo	Adam
Hester	Weston:
O.B.	Barney
V.R.	Thomas B.
Venoeris	William

Day Book continued--

Weston & Gate
Weston & Dingman
Wilber:

Wm.

Wildman:

L. L.

Wildman & Law

Williams:

James M.

Whitmer:

Isaac

John

Woodworth:

John

Wright:

Jeptha

Richard

Vincent:

O. J.

Vine:

Elijah

Margaret

Widow

Vannelz:

Mary

Vanschoten:

L. Y.

It might be of interest to know just how a coffin
was trimmed back in 1855-6

A charge for Mrs. Caroline Ross shows the following:

2 1/2 yds cambric

4 yds. Black ribbon

1 yd. Book muslin

1 pr. Brass Butts

50 Brass nails

8 screws Total cost--\$1.54

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Another was that of Wilson Fish for coffin for Charles Fish----

4 yds Cambric
1 yd Book muslin
4 yds Black Ribbon
1 pr Brass Butts
70 Brass nails
1 doz. screws

Still another was John C. Bartlett for 5 1/2 yds Black lace for a coffin lining

Wayne Township purchased 1 doz. screws for a coffin

Isaac McCollum pr. E. Stockwell purchased velvet trimming, cambric, book muslin, Brass Butts, 1 doz. screws, another doz. screws, brass nails.

Milford Township had occasion to line a coffin and purchased 6 yds velvet trimming, 2 1/2 yd ribbon at a total of \$.94

The velvet trimmings the black lace and ribbon have long ago rotted along with the remains of these old pioneers, but the impression they left on the community of South Milford, no doubt is still felt and even now, ninety-five years later is hard to find any one who can tell what their fathers and mothers have told them of these old pioneers.

Then these were some of the things they were buying for the living:

In October 1855, John Nesbit bought 6 yds Red flannel twilled \$3.00, 7yds striped sheeting, 6 yds cotton flannel, 84 cents.

Orrin Fuller bought a pair of Calf shoes \$1.50

Adam Westley paid \$3.00 for taxes

Miss Cyrelia N. Dunbar purchased 1 pact reward cards and one pact of small cards

Julia Newnam bought 8 yds figured lawn, 8 yds Calico and one gold finger ring for \$1.50. Can't you see

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how nice Julia looked in her new lawn dress and gold finger ring. This probably was the next summer after John Nesbitt bought the red flannel.

Mrs. E.R. Spellman bought a pair of calf boots for Charles costing \$5.00 and a pair of shoes for the youngest boy at 70 cents.

Mrs. Philip Hilman (Helmer) made a pair of pants for some gentleman and received the munificent sum of 75 cents.

Philip Helmer made a satin vest for O.B. Taylor and received 75 cts. while Mr. O.B. Taylor paid \$4.58 for the vest.

Mrs. Philip Helmer made a satin vest for some gentleman and received 75 cents.

John Symons received \$1.25 for making a pair of boots for A. Blackman.

In another place he is credited with making 4 pairs of boots for \$5.00

While some were buying window lights in November, others were buying window papers. 4 window papers cost 40 cents.

Nearly every family had a gallon of syrup marked against them and a very few had a gallon or 1/2 gal. of whiskey. A few purchased a small amount of port wine.

In November they were buying bottles of "Instant Cure" at 25 cts. Bottle of P.P.P. 25 cts.

Bottle of Pain Killer 25 cts. while Orrin Fuller bought 1 bottle "yellow Dock Sarsaparilla" \$1.00

Probably the book keeper did not know how to spell that big word, but towards spring many were buying sarsaparilla. When June came many little girls and maybe big ones blossomed out with parasols at 75 cts. per.

A letter to California cost 13 cts. And here is a letter written by a little boy, N. Clayton Bowers-----

"Dear Editor: - I am a little boy eight years old. Pa takes the Wesleyan. I love to read the children's letters; go to Sunday School in Wolcottville. We have a good school. All of the scholars give a birthday

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gift of as many pennies as they are years old. I love to study the Bible, and hope to teach it to others when I am older, I love Jesus. Our minister's name is W. Talbert. I do not go to school. My parents teach me at home. When I can write better will write again. Good-by.

Your little friend

N. Clayton Bower

Wolcottville, Ind.

And so from these old pages of a Day book kept in 1855-6 we see how people lived in the time of candle wicking, window papers, what they ate and drank and what they wore.

Outmoded--yes terribly, but they were happy.

Mrs. H.G.M.

Day Book continued --

Notes in first leaf of book --

First item cannot be read clearly

Second looks like "State Bank-David Beanchat

Ft. Wayne, Ind. Nov. 15/55

Fhemix Bank, N.Y. Sent Nov. 23, 1855

O.B. Taylor & Hamilton Trindle commence board at

O.P. Austin's Jan. 7-1856

One dollar and seventy five cents per week.

O.B. Taylor & Co.

Articles not readable on account of mold & dampness
but the name F.A. Newnam was plain

John Martin wright of cow 55.40

and a name that looks like Jacob Ackerman for steers
and cow----- 27.36

Draft on State Bank, Ind. Branch at Ft. Wayne

dated Dec. 6/55

For 63 dollars and thirty six cents.

Fredonia, N.Y. Dec. 11-1855

H.J. Miners Bank of Utica

T. Judson Esq. has deposited in this Bank the sum
of One Hundred Dollars payable to the order of
Samuel Francis on the return of this certificate.

S.M. Clemment

Cash

Bankers of House of Cullen Hamilton, Ft. Wayne Ind.

Jan. 8/56

Pay to credit of O.B. Taylor, Five Hundred seven &
98/100

Winslow Lawrence & Co. New York

(This name not plain

Allen Hamilton Cr.

pr Bond

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Last page of Book

The State Bank of Indiana at Ft. Wayne, June 11/56
No 1281 for Three Hundred Dollars, Pay to the order
O.B. Taylor

Phenix Bk. N. Y.

H. McCulloch Cash

Sent to Hopi Graydor & Co. By C.G. Bond
New York, June 19, 1856

Bank of Danville Danville, Pa.

No. 964 June 17, 1856

Cashier of the Girard Bank

Pay to the order of David Lee

Seventy Dollars

Daniel Clark, Teller

Sent June 27/56 to Gardner & Lyon, Fulton St.

State of Ohio, Perrysburg Bank

Perrysburg June 26/56

Pay to the order of Alexander Howard, Esq.

Eighty six 11/100 Dollars to Miss Atwood & co.

J.S. Norton, Cashier

The Branch of the State Bank of Indiana, Ft. Wayne

July 3, 1856 Pay to order of Hill & Orbi---

Five Hundred Dollars to the cashier of Phenix Bank, NY
H. McCulloch, Cashier

The Branch of the State Bank of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

July 7, 1856 Forty-nine Dollars

Pay to the Cashier of Phoenix Bk. New York

H. McCulloch, Cash

Pr. C.D. Bond

The Branch of the State Bank of Indiana at Ft. Wayne

July 21, 1856 Pay to the order of O.B. Taylor & Co.

One Hundred & Fifteen Dollars

Phoenix Bank, New York

H. McCulloch

County Officers 1893

James Haxby was county clerk
 Robinson Ramsbay was sheriff
 Daniel S. Love, auditor
 James M. Denny, treasurer
 David S. Simons, recorder
 E.B. Gerber, surveyor
 Fred Acus, coroner
 Samuel Ohlwine, Geo. Ott. Chas Law, commissioners
 Wm. M. Clapp, judge common pleas court
 A.A. Chapin, prosecutor
 J.F. Corle gave great bargains in dry goods
 A Brillhart & Bro., were proprietors of Grove Mills and
 manufactured flour and lumber
 Peter Snyder sold hardware
 Mrs. M.H. Bates of Waterloo, having recently purchased the
 millinery stock of Mrs. Jansen was prepared to give barg-
 ains, etc.
 John Turch, merchant tailor
 Iddings, Clark & Co. wanted 1000 cords of stove bolts
 J.W. Franks, baker
 John Bigler boots and shoes
 The M S & N I R R Co. was running one train eacy way every
 day except Sunday. John D. Campbell, Supt.
 Jacobs & Co., ready made clothing etc.
 Nellis & Gipe, wagons and carriages
 Chauncy Dodge, groceries
 Mrs. Hutchison and Mollie Mason, Millinery
 J & C Gappinger, harness, hides, etc
 Smith & Loveridge, photographers.
 D.C. Bartley, cooper
 B W Oakley, hardware, Ft. Wayne
 Geo C Glatte, grocer, removed to the store room formerly
 occupied by S C Evans & Co.
 E T Isbell, bott & shoes
 P C Isbell, abdominal supporters
 M M Bowen, grocer, old stand of Bowen & Miller
 Bliss House, Albion, Ind.
 Hi Bradley and Sam Foster, Saloonists, Albion
 J H Stoney, druggist, Albion
 Geo Aichele, marble dealer
 Uncle Ben Jones and Mishier, bakery

From The Albion New Era--May 9, 1889

The following reminiscence of "early times" in Noble county, is from the pen of Capt. E.H. Fisher, and appeared in the Kendallville News last week. He says:

The red men of the forest, who occupied some of the lands of Noble County, were removed by the government from our county in the year of 1839. Near Rome City, on the banks of the lakes that make up our beautiful "Sylvan Lake", there were six hundred Pottawatomies encamped at or near what we now call the narrows. The government officials were here in force, army wagons, army officers, army mento assist the Indians to remove their traps and baggage to other lands. The wagons were loaded with the goods of the Indians, including squaws and papooses, passing westward through the once famous town of Northport (now almost extinct) to their new home. The braves on foot and the ponies tarried in the town of Northport. Twelve Indian chiefs lagged behind determined they would not give up their homes. Twenty-five white men had congregated in Northport to see the Indians off to their new, wild western homes. Through the earnest solicitations of the officers and settlers they consented to go. Preparatory to resuming their journey they passed around shaking hands with every white man. As they grasped their white neighbor's hand, a tear was silently coursing down their cheeks. When the hand shaking was finished they formed in a semi-circle casting their eyes over the lakes and woods where they had often hunted wild game and fish, each heaved a heavy sigh of sorrow over their desolate homes. One of the cheifs gave a whoop as a signal for their advance, they turned their steps westward, to-ward the setting sun, seeking their new home. One who witnessed the scene remembered it as a solemn occasion. How sad to contemplate the scene of parting from one's childhood.

Friday Feb. 11, 1898

Calls Back Boyhood Days

Quite often a report of the killing or capture of a bald eagle finds its way into the news-papers of this section. The capture of one in this vicinity a few days ago, recalls the experience of Uncle David Koons of this city, which he had with a monster eagle in his boyhood days in Bedford county, Penn.

For nine years the Koons neighborhood in Pennsylvania had been kept in an uproar by a monster eagle which had carried away over fifty head of lambs and young pigs from the farmers and his eagle-ship has as often been shot at but without satisfactory results. At last he met his doom. He was seen by young Koons to swoop down upon a lamb in his father's flock and carry his prey to a tall tree where he was scientifically devouring it. Young David quickly procured the old family gun and when within 125 yards of the bird let it go, shooting him through the wing, the bird falling from the tree, but still a dangerous foe to handle. After besting two dogs, he finally clubbed to death by Mr. Koons, who took the bird home and nailed it to the side of the barn. He measured six feet and seven inches from tip to tip of wings, and hundreds of people visited the Koons farm to gaze at the dead thief and robber and listen to the proudest young man in all Pennsylvania relate his story of the capture and death of the monster eagle.

Kendallville, Feb. 22, 1944

Lions donate to Blood Bank

Thirty Members And Three Guests give Pint of Blood to Red Cross

There are thirty-three less pints of human blood in Kendallville today than on Monday.

A group of 33 Kendallvillians, including 30 members of the Lions club donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank at Ft. Wayne yesterday afternoon.

Each person was required to briefly present his health history. Those in charge took the temperature and pulse records of the prospective donor. A test for the type of blood and the blood pressure were also made before the blood was removed, requiring a half hour period. The actual time required in the process of extracting the blood was not in excess of five minutes, followed by a thirty minute rest period.

In all, 174 persons gave to the blood bank yesterday at the Elks temple. Fort Wayne, between 3 P.M. and 7:15 p.m.

After completing the operation the members of the Lions club and three guests returned to the Public Cafe, where a steak supper was served at 9 p.m.

Donors from this city were: Gale Kurtz, Rev. M.E. Runden, T.G. Pelikan, Phil White, Myron Hutchins, G.H. Kirkwood, George Bentley, John Campbell, Arthur Wagner, Clyde Moore, Norman Berkes, Gardner, Thurlow Cazier, Howard Reick, Clarence Ziebell Elmer Seagly, Norman Benham, Wyman Finley, Wallace Taylor, Harry Young, R.R. Sithen, S.G. Browsman, W.W. Wallace, Jr. Larue Hearald, Clair Aldrich, Oren Coney, and G.C. Maloon of the Lions Club and Walter Schreiber, William Green and Maynard Pray.

Seventieth Birthday Anniversary
Celebrated

While Julius Lang, Sr. was sitting in his old arm chair reading letters from his beloved relatives in far-off Germany a rapping was heard at the door. Mrs. Fred L. Bluhm had arranged matters in such a manner that all the occupants of the house had retired to the rear, and consequently Mr. Lang was compelled to step to the door and upon opening it a throng of faces greeted him, which almost bewildered him and for a moment our father was bereft of presence of mind. After the guests had entered who were none other than sincere and intimate friends of the host, about forty in number, the Rev. Mr. Biedermann stepped before the host and in warm sincere and heartfelt words, congratulated him upon his seventieth birthday anniversary. The other guests extended wishes of a like nature and then were seated and listened to the songs of the quartette which consists of Messrs. Louis Holzer, Julius Lang, Jr. Julius Ortstadt and Prof. E.H. Englebrecht, after which light refreshments were served. Then Mr. Lang was requested to contribute toward the program and forthwith he sang the "Urian" a series of quaint verses in which he related his voyage across the wild and stormy Atlantic into the beloved and classic fatherland, rich and redundant with folklore and tradition. Some of these verses are humorous and others quite pathetic, especially the one in which as an emigrant for America he and his sisters and brothers were blonde and permeated with youthful gayety, but now as he met his dear sister on the wharf at Hamburg, and as they stood face to face gazing into one another's eyes, they observed that they were no longer blonde and youthful, rosy and gay, but that time the inevitable conqueror of mankind, had also brought itself to bear on them.

Lang Anniversary continued:

Their faces were changed by furrows, which are the results of time and anxiety, and their hair was no more blonde, but in lieu thereof, a silvery white had tinged their crest, which betokens naught else but fleeting life.

At twelve o'clock the choral was rendered by the whole party, entitled "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

Those present were Rev. R.D. Beidermann, Messrs. and Mesdames L. Beckman, Hellmuth, John Ortstadt, Julius Ortstadt, C. Kiel, William Hutt, P.G. Klinkenberg, E.H. Englebrecht, Fred Holzer, Christian Narr, N. Smith, John Misselhorn, Henry Lang, Julius Lang, Jr. George Lang, Mr. H. Webmeyer, Mesdames Meta Wilk, Julia Wehmeyer, Ed Vetter of this city, Mrs. J.A. Bohn, Mr. William Kolb of Ft. Wayne.

Local Women Win Honors

Recognized by Indiana Club Woman Magazine; Offer Art and Poetry.

Kendallville has many reasons to be proud of its talented citizens. Some have made enviable reputations in science, and in music, while others have attained glory and honor in art, literature and dramatics.

A peek into the past and one discovers Kendallvillians have played their part in the American way of life.

For two consecutive issues Kendallville women have been recognized in the publication of the Indiana Club Woman, a monthly Hoosier magazine. Last month the magazine devoted much space to the paintings by Mrs. R.S. Emerick, the cover page including a painting by the local artist of a covered bridge. The current issue of the magazine contains an interesting poem by Mrs. Frank Hooper on the American Flag.

Kendallville News-Sun
Feb. 21, 1942

Local Artist Gets Special Recognition Oil Landscape "Macey's Slip, Wawasee" by Mrs. Emerick in Hoosier Salon.

Mrs. Rex S. Emerick has had an oil landscape, "Macey's Slip, Wawasee" accepted and hung in the annual Hoosier Salon. The exhibit is being held in the galleries of the William H. Black store in Indianapolis during the month of January.

The picture was painted at the west end of Lake Wawasee on the south bank of the Macey slip.

Mrs. Emerick has special honorable mention conferred on this picture last month by the jury of the Artist's Exhibition of Paintings at the Fort Wayne Art Museum. It was accepted and hung at the Wawasee Art Gallery by a jury consisting of Eleanor Jewett of The Chicago Tribune and Rudolph Engerie of Chicago, and sponsored by Mrs. Frank Logan and her nationwide movement for the furtherance of sanity in art.

Kendallville, News-Sun
Jan. 15, 1944

Early Western Days Recalled by
Brice W. Hall
Story in News-Sun, "The Way Our People Lived:
Brings back Reminiscences.

In a letter to the News-Sun, Brice W. Hall offers a bit of interesting history involving his grandfather Moses Jay, who went west during the Gold Strike.

He writes: "R. V. Fisher, Editor, News-Sun. "Dear Mr. Fischer: - I wish to compliment you on the story now being published in the News-Sun "The Way Our People Lived."

"I happen to be a grandson of what they called a (49er) and the trials of the gold seekers came to me first hand from my grandfather, Moses Jay, father of the late Esther Hall.

"Early in the spring of 1850, Moses Jay and a Mr. Travis, started out from Wauseon, O. with a light spring-wagon with full equipment, driving two horses and leading two. They changed teams every other day, on account of the bad trail. Their route on the trail was just south of where the city of Gary now stands and south of Chicago, which was a growing city with a population of 3000. This trail was later called the Ridge Road and is now the present Route No. 6 and passed through the sand dunes.

"The route that my grandfather took was the same as outlines in the story now being published and no word was heard from him until he arrived at Ft. Laramie, Wyo. and there he wrote a letter back home to his family in Ohio. This letter is now in my possession as a keepsake. It was delivered all the way by Pony Express or in other words, all the way by horseback, by relief riders who changed horses every few miles and was considered fast travel in those days.

"The party that Moses Jay was with, as it was dangerous to travel alone, had no trouble with the Indians, but the party a day ahead had plenty. It happened that a young man from the East had bragged that he would shoot the first Indian he saw, and he

Recollections by Brice Hall continued:

did, an old Squaw, who was sitting on a log with her back turned towards him. The Indians at once lined up the party of men and called for the guilty one to step forward or the whole party would be killed. The guilty one was compelled to advance and was put to death by torture -pieces of flesh were cut from his body.

"No trouble was encountered with whom my grandfather was travelling until Salt Lake City was reached and there he had a horse stolen by a Mormon, but he recovered same at the point of a gun. Salt Lake City was founded by Mormons just prior to the gold rush in California.

"Moses Jay prospected for gold in California but with little success, making only fair daily wages, so he decided to work at his trade, as cabinet maker, and made chairs, tables and other furniture for miners and the large hotels in San Francisco and in this he was successful. His location was at the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, fifty miles from San Francisco Bay.

"My grandfather spent seven years in California returning in 1857 via boat to the Isthmus of Panama, crossing by land to the Atlantic side and thence via boat (sailing vessel) to New York. Reservation had to be made some time in advance and grandfather cancelled his reservation on the first boat in order that he might collect some money due him for the sale of furniture that he had sold to a large hotel in San Francisco and lucky he was for the ship that he was first to take was lost in a storm and never heard of again.

"In addition to the Pony Express letter I have as a keepsake a map of California published in 1857, brought back by grandfather and marked with pencil his location at the junction of the two rivers, also a small chamois bag containing a small amount of gold dust, a small Bible that he carried both ways and three small gold coins, twenty-five cent pieces,

Recollections by Brice Hall continued:

made out of gold he himself had recovered. Two of these coins are round and the other hexagon in shape. These were presented to his three children on his return from California.

"There were many other stories told to me by my grandfather, but the events I have mentioned are in conjunction with the story now running in the News-Sun."

Albion New Era, Wednesday
Sept. 29, 1897

Mr. John Frasure has the contract for remodeling the old house east of town on the first poor farm, now belonging to Chas. Clapp and occupied by Jacob McClure. The frame work of this building is of the old heavy barn timber pattern, and was built by Jerome Chaffee about fifty years ago. After its first occupancy by Mr. Chaffee, Miles Munn was a resident; and afterwards a Mr. Hilyard lived in the house. It finally passed into the hands of Uncle Jacob Foster, who from many years owned and occupied it, until Noble county purchased it for a poor farm. It was here one night, nearly forty years ago, that Dr. Danshee and the writer were hospitably entertained by Uncle Jake, on the Doctor's advent into Noble County.

Prof. Whetzel, Botanist, Dies

Born in Avilla 67 Years Ago; Was Plant Pathologist
for years.

Herbert H. Whetzel, professor of plant pathology at New York State College of Agriculture since 1909 and a native of Avilla, died Nov. 30, at Ithaca, N.Y.; according to word received here today.

Prof. Whetzel was head of the Cornell University Plant Pathology department in 1906-22. He was born in Avilla 67 years ago and graduated from Wabash college. He was an assistant in botany at Cornell in 1902-4, an instructor in 1904-5, assistant professor of botany in 1906-7 and assistant professor of plant pathology in 1907-9.

Prof. Whetzel served as chairman of the war emergency board of American Plant Pathology in 1917 and made mycological explorations in Puerto Rico and Bermuda. He held honorary D.S.C. degrees from the University of Puerto Rico and Wabash college.

Obituaries

John Crone, Sr.

John Crone Sr. was born in Franklin county, Pa. August 26, 1818 and departed this life at the age of 80 years, 3 months, 15 days.

Father Crone, as he was familiarly called when a youth came from Pennsylvania with his parents to Richland county, Ohio, in the year 1832. At the age of perhaps fourteen, he was thrown on his own resources, associating himself with the business of farming in the employ of a pioneer farmer of the above community, where the foundation of industry entered into his financial success in after life. In these formative years of early life he became self-reliant, depending upon his strength and integrity of character as a sufficiency to give him a place and success among his fellow men. At the age of twenty-one he led to the matrimonial altar Miss Catherine Switzer, who was a companion at once entered into all efforts for success and a home of their own, with her youthful husband. After ten years of patient toil together, Father Crone and his little family found the removal to this state and county important as to his further success. Accordingly in the year 1849, he came to Allen Township, Noble county, Indiana and settled upon the farm where he lived until death called him from his comfortable home on earth to his better home in heaven.

At the time of his locating in this county, the beautiful farm he owned was an unbroken forest, as most of the farms in the vicinity. In the removal of the then worthless timber, the fencing of the new fields, the building of farm residence and other buildings he made rapid progress, so that at the age of 55 years he retired from the active work of his farm; since which time he has, with his companion, taken life comparatively easy, trusting the work of the farm to his sons. Life to him has been sweet, in that he did not permit what he had accumulated to harass and annoy him, as in the instance of many who look toomuch on the things of earth only.

Obituaries

John Crone, sr. continued"

The deceased professed faith in Christ, and united with the Lutheran church in Richland county, Ohio under the pastoral care of Rev. Jacob Sidel, deceased in 1843. Serving in many official relations to the church in that state, also in this county, always ready to do his duty in the church and liberally supporting every good cause with his means as God prospered him. Father Crone in about the year 1862 became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church, five miles southwest of this city, in connection with which he remained a faithful and consistent member until the time of his death.

Obituaries

From Kendallville Standard
1898

Aaron Chamblin was born in Lowden county, Virginia, May 7, 1824. In the year 1833 he moved with his parents to Knox county, Ohio, from thence to Richland county of the same state. Mr. Chamblin's father was a soldier of the war in 1812, and his grandfather a patriot of the Revolutionary war. On Jan. 1, 1850 he was married to Mary Imes. His home was with his parents from birth until two years after his marriage. In 1855 he came to Noble county where by years of toil aided by his faithful companion, cheerfully meeting the adversities incident to the earlier days in Indiana, he changed a primeval forest into a large and productive farm. At the same time liberally supporting the schools and church. In early life he embraced the Christian religion connecting himself with the Methodist church. After moving to this state he was identified with the U.B. church.

Mary Strouss was born in Beaver county, Penn. Dec. 29, 1827. When eight years old she came with her parents to Noble county, Indiana, and was married to Wm. Whan, Nov. 16, 1848. To them were born five sons and four daughters, all of whom except one son, are yet living. There also remain to mourn their loss, her husband, with whom she had lived forty-seven years and eleven months; three brothers and four sisters are yet living and fourteen grandchildren. After a long and severe illness she departed this life Oct. 29, 1896, at her home in Swan township, aged 68 years and 10 months. She had been a Christian from early life and manifested great patience and a cheerful faith in her sufferings. The funeral was held from the Hopewell church, conducted by Rev. M.M. Lawson, of the Presbyterian church of Lima. The interment was at the King cemetery.

William Edward Tidd

From Kendallville Standard
Friday, Dec. 16, 1898

William Edward Tidd was born June 1, 1822 in Parkman, Geauga county, Ohio. Died Dec. 11, 1898, aged 76 years, 6 months and 10 days. He was married to Lydia Parkman, Feb. 8, 1843. To them were born six children, four of whom are living. He came to this state in 1848 and located in Rome City. He settled on the farm on which he died in 1855. Mr. Tidd united with the Free Will Baptist church at Jones chapel, Sept. 1, 1895. He freely expressed himself in his last illness that he was ready and willing to go when ever the Master called. Funeral services were held from the F.W. Baptist church in Rome City Tuesday.

Obituaries

Zenas Judson, son of Zenas and Nancy Willis Wright was born in Franklin county, Mass. Nov. 12, 1817. When eight years of age he moved with his parents to the state of New York, living there ten years; then came with his parents to Noble county Indiana, arriving here in June, 1836, settling on a part of the farm where he died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1896, aged 78 years, 11 months and 16 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Arnold Jan. 13, 1841, to which union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living to mourn their loss, together with thirty-four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His beloved companion preceded him to that land from whence no traveler returns, April 4, 1881.

Funeral of John Gappinger

Large concourse of Friends and Neighbors in attendance

The funeral of John Gappinger, whose death occurred on Monday, June 9, took place at the residence on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended by relatives, friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Mitchell, assisted by Rev. John Hass, who made a short address in German.

The floral offerings were rich and profuse. The remains were viewed by a very large number of people from 10 A.M. to 12 M. and notwithstanding the great and unusual length of time which had elapsed from the time of his death until interment, the remains were found in an exceedingly natural and satisfactory condition. The following obituary notice was read at the funeral by Rev. Mitchell---

John Gappinger was born September 10, 1830 at Rentlingen, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was therefore about 63 years of age at the time of his death. He was one of a large family of brothers and sisters, all of whom came to this country early in life. He was educated in the schools of his own town and as a child he gave evidence of that indomitable courage and rugged character which he exhibited to such a marked degree in later life. In 1850, at 20 years of age, he migrated from Germany to the United States landing in New York. He was a tanner by trade and carried on that business in a number of places before coming to Indiana. He was for a while at Pittsburg, Pa., Ravenna, Ohio, and at Chambersburg, Columbiana county, Ohio, where on July 23, 1857, he married Margarite Moff.

The same year they moved to Albion, Noble County, Indiana, where they remained until 1863, when they made Kendallville their home. He opened up a harness and leather shop and for thirty years he has carried on that business with wonderful frugality and remarkable success and has proven himself to be an honorable business man of integrity and worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gappinger have had nine children, eight of whom survive him: Louis, Albert, Will, Amelia, Lulu, Minnie, John and Lena.

He built this house--one of the historic landmarks of our fair city--twenty-eight years ago.

John Gappinger continued:

His home life was most beautiful. Somehow it seemed as if he lived for his family. Like Martin Luther himself, for whom he had the greatest admiration, he believed in the sacredness of home. He was a devoted husband a kind and loving father. He thought the world of his two little grandchildren, Margarite and Gertrude. He was domestic in his tastes and avoided as much as possible public position. He was an excellent citizen, and identified with the larger life of the whole community again and again. He served on the common council, not at his own request, but because of the earnest solicitations of a host of friends. He was public spirited, generous, hospitable, and kind hearted to the last degree. His religion was that of kindness. He was a true friend and there are many who are here today who will feel his death as a keen personal loss. He was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church in Germany. He did a great deal for the Lutheran church in this city and about a year ago, assisted that congregation when they bought their chimes.

He died suddenly on the afternoon of Monday, June 19, 1893. He had an intuition that death was at hand, for his last words, spoken in German to his daughter, Amelia, were "This is the last time. It is all over now." He died there in his own yard, under the shade of these trees and he died in peace.

Jacob Halderman Shauck

Jacob Halderman Shauck was born in Richland county, Ohio, November 21, 1831, died at Kendallville Indiana Feb. 11, 1909, aged 77 years, 2 months and 21 days. His father, Elah Shauck, was born in York county, Pennsylvania. On November 22, 1860, he married Margaret L. Foster, in Noble county and to their union were born three children: John Clifton (deceased), Marcus Elrory and Wilmer Foster.

He served in the Union Army at first sergeant, Co. C, Sixty-fourth Ohio infantry, enrolling Oct. 5, 1861, was discharged Feb. 20, 1863. Excepting the time of his services as a soldier, his life was spent wholly in Ohio and Indiana. He was a representative from Noble County in the General Assembly of Indianapolis and served twice as sheriff of this county. He leaves the widow, one brother, John A. and two sons.

The funeral was held from the residence 209 South Oak St. at 8:30 A.M. Sunday, Feb. 14. A number of old comrades and friends attended the prayer service at the house. Interment and full service at the Sweet Cemetery, A.R. Cole having charge of both.

Funeral of John Kelly

Held at Residence, Thursday Afternoon

Sermon by Rev. Magor--Services by Ft. Wayne Elks and Kendallville Eagles.

As the hour set for the funeral services approached, citizens in carriages and on foot thronged North Main St. Just before the services the Elks and Eagles, accompanied by the city band, marched to the residence. The house, verandas, lawn and walks were crowded with the concourse of friends. That they were friends of Mr. Kelly was shown by the deep sorrow resting upon nearly every face.

The coffin was placed in the sitting-room, and here, in the midst of floral pieces, the impressive funeral services were held. These opened with singing by some of the best voices in the city. Then followed a brief scripture reading and an earnest petition from Rev. Magor to Him who binds up the broken hearts to let His peace descend upon the mourners. After reading the obituary, Rev. Magor spoke to the listening people in a few brief and impressive words. As in introductory, he spoke of his own acquaintance with Mr. Kelly and then proceeded to give words of comfort to the mourning family and friends. At the close of the services the procession formed in the following order:

- City Band
- Elks on foot
- Elk Officers in carriage
- Eagles on foot
- Eagle Officers in carriages
- Singers in two carriages
- Rev. Magor and D.C. Wilson carriage
- Pall Bearers in carriage
- Hearse
- Cabs with relatives
- Cabs with employes
- Other cabs and carriages

John D. Kelly

John D. Kelly was born in Wolcottville on Feb. 6, 1851, a son of J.B. and Hancy Willard Kelly. There were seven children born to the union, of whom only one is now living-Mrs. Flora Whitford.

When he was a small child, Mr. Kelly's parents moved to Rome City, where they conducted a hotel for some years, but in 1860 they moved to Kendallville. Mr. Kelly has lived here continuously since that time and witnessed the growth of Kendallville from a struggling hamlet to an enterprising city. In youth he attended the public schools here and assisted his father. Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Addie Newnam, now deceased, on Oct. 18, 1881 and to them one child, James Newnam Kelly, was born but he died in infancy.

The marriage of Mr. Kelly and Emma Glant was solemnized on June 22, 1897 and three children survive this union; William, aged six, John aged four and Doris, aged two.

Mr. Kelly was taken sick about three weeks ago and from the first his illness was of a serious nature. He died Tuesday morning at 5:10.

John Kelly was a peculiar man, but one who has done much for Kendallville and her citizens. He was generous to a fault and a man that never permitted the needy to go unhelped. Those who knew him best, lifelong friends feel keenly the loss and his death is universally mourned.

His employees respected him almost as a father. S.D. Hedden has been with him at the Kelly House for the past twelve years.

James R. Baker

James R. Baker, born October 1827, in Chester county Pa. died April 8, 1905, in Kendallville, Ind. He was the son of Aaron P. and Mary D. Baker, who were members of the Society of Friends. When eleven years old the parents removed from Pennsylvania to Richland county, Ohio and later to Morrow county, where the father, Aaron P. spent the remainder of his life, dying May 26, 1870, while the mother lingered until Feb. 26, 1887. They reared a large family, James R. being the fifth of fifteen children.

Today he is survived by four sisters, all of whom attended the obsequies--Mrs. Sarah Rouse of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Louise Cummins of Dixon, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Hackadorn, of Galion, Ohio and Mrs. Lydia Martin of near Kendallville.

Mr. Baker was born on a farm, receive instructions in the district schools and a high school course in Bucyrus, Ohio. He learned the tinner's trade and became an efficient worker of his trade, with a brother-in-law in Bucyrus, Ohio. He spent one summer in Columbus, Ohio, and in the fall of 1851 he started in business for himself in Galion, Ohio. He came to Indiana in the fall of 1852, settled in Columbia City and for six years was there engaged in the sale of stoves and general hardware.

In 1858 he removed to Kendallville and became the community's pioneer hardware merchant. He pursued successfully this business until 1864, securing patents upon a number of devices. After wards he gave himself the stove and tin trade, as also to the manufactur and sale of his various patents. Of late years particularly has he been especially successful in business and manufacturing, there being noted a very large increase in the volume and importance of the business. The superior excellence of some of the patents has made his name and that of the firm very widely and favorably known throuout the entire country. On March 8, 1895, the J.R. Baker and Sons company was formed consisting of the father and three sons, with the father as president. In business life his career has ever been characterized by honesty, industry

J.R. Baker continued:

and strict integrity.

Soon after arrival in Columbia City in 1852, the young merchant met and won the heart and hand of Edith Swayze, daughter of William M. Swayze, a prominent physician of the community. They were married Oct. 18, 1854 by the Rev. John W. Bradshaw, in Columbia City. By stage, wagon and railroad a wedding trip was romantically made to Gallion, Ohio, and thus began a long delightful companionship, the fiftieth and golden anniversary of which was pleasantly observed Oct. 18, last. The home life of this devoted couple has always been most happy and useful. The closing years of life, they have been enabled to spend in their beautiful new home in this city and contentedly together are coming down to the close of long active and helpful christian lives.

Eleven children were born to them:

Mary E.; Lida L.; Homer G.; Frank W.; all deceased, and three sons and three daughters, Amelia R.; William S.; Jennie L.; James Elmer, Clarence E.; and Grace M. the wife of C.H. Farrell of Kalamazoo, Mich.; who with the wife and mother survive.

No record of this life would be complete without mention of the part he played as a citizen. Here he was prominent and his services valuable. He believed with Louis Proval that "The public affairs of a country ought to be the personal affairs of every citizen who loves his country." He was greatly interested in the cause of education and served for several years as a member of the Kendallville school board.

His life was an exemplary one. His habits were manly, pure and upright. He was and always had been a total abstainer both from the use of tobacco and alcoholic drinks, and to this he attributed his general good health and longevity. He was a man of strong convictions, of tenacious purpose, of lofty ambitions, of unquestionable integrity and uprightness. He was born, not to follow, but to lead. and where he lead it was safe to go. He was generous, hospitable, kind, a zealous

J.R. Baker continued:

advocate of all enterprises looking to the elevation of the moral and spiritual conditions of men. A biographer writes: "Throughout a long and eminently successful career his character has never been assailed nor has the purity of the least of any of his motives ever been questioned. His whole life has been marked by duty well and faithfully done, and all who knew him pronounce him a model of the old time courteous, christian gentleman."

Not only will James R. Baker be missed in the home, in the community, in business circles, but perhaps the greatest loss, at least in some respects, is sustained by church circles. He was a life-long Methodist. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in Bucyrus, Ohio, when but a youth and has remained faithful and devoted to and actively interested in the cause of Christ and the church of his choice all these long years. Who can tell the power for good of more than fifty years of active Christian life? He has served the church as steward or trustee for over forty years and as class leader for nearly fifty-two years. He was class leader, trustee and Sunday School teacher at the time of his death. He assisted in the organization of the Methodist Sunday school in Kendallville, was superintendent for seven years and has been either superintendent or teacher from 1859 to the present time. He was remarkably successful as a teacher and rejoiced in the fact that of several classes over which he was placed in charge, no boy or girl went far astray. His present class of young ladies who rendered the first hymn "Abide with me" at the funeral service Tuesday, mourn the loss of one who was to them a faithful and devoted teacher and friend.

Last year the local church sought to honor him by promoting his election to the General conference in Los Angeles. The Official Board at that time, paid him this tribute: "He has been a loyal and liberal contributor to the various enterprises of the church, thoroughly in sympathy with that which

J.R. Baker continued:

is distinctive in Methodism, progressive and appreciative of its new and later developments, a diligent reader of the church papers and periodicals, a faithful friend to the pastors. He was a man of extensive acquaintance with affairs of church and state of qualifications such as would render him a judicious and able legislator for the church and a creditable representative of the conference sending him?

How greatly he will be missed not only in the church, but in various other circles. One of the chief members of his church is gone. The oldest member of the local M.E. Church has departed.

The last attendance of Mr. Baker upon the church services was last Christmas day, at the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, the Kendallville charge and the thirtieth dedication of the present church building. It was a great day to him--a day of holy memory. The next week a trip to the southland was to be undertaken. Some premonition that that was to be his last service in the house of God--the last time he would cross its threshold, he tarried at the close of the evening service after all had gone except the janitor and pastor and talked. He started home, but came back again, he felt he could not go--he feared it would be his last time there--the church he had loved so much, for which he had given so much, to which he owed so much and to which he was so devoted---and so it was.

On December 28 last, with his wife and two daughters, he left for a stay in the south. He was stricken with illness ere many miles had been traversed, and at Winchester the party was obliged to tarry because of his serious illness. The southern trip was abandoned and Mr. Baker and the other members of the party returned home a week later, when he was stronger and able to make the trip. Since that time he has been confined to his home the greater portion of the time, although he was able to ride occasionally. On Saturday morning April 8, 1905 he passed quietly and peacefully into eternal rest.

Obituaries

From Kendallville Standard, March 11, 1898

Robert Dykes was born in Edinborough Scotland, Feb. 15, 1818 and died suddenly at Pacific Junction, Iowa, from acute asthma on the morning of March 3, 1898, aged 80 years and 13 days. He came to this country with his parents at the age of fourteen years and lived temporarily in New York city and Dayton, Ohio, then settled in Ft. Wayne, Ind. where his early manhood was spent. He moved to Ontario, LaGrange county, Ind. in 1855 where he engaged in mercantile business, subsequently removing his business to Union Mills, five miles distant, where he carried on an extensive business twenty years. He moved to Kendallville, Ind. about the year 1865, where he made his home continuously with the exception of about ten years residence in Corunna and Albion, up to Nov. 1893, when he removed to Pacific Junction, Iowa, continuing his residence there until his death. He was married in 1845 to Miss Margaret Brace, who survives him. To this union were born nine children three of whom are now living—Robert B. at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Emma F. Wise, Hilo, Hawaii and Walter L. at Pacific Junction, Ia.

Mr. Dykes during his life filled various positions of honor and trust, among which was state senator, to which office he was elected in 1864, faithfully and ably serving his constituents and the state. He was subsequently elected by the Indiana state legislature a member of the board of directors of the Northern Indiana state prison and served as president of the board. Mr. Dykes in all relations in his life, whether public or private favorably impressed all with whom he came in contact with his uniform kindness, conscientiousness and his Christian manhood. Mr. Dykes was for many years an honored ruling elder in the Presbyterian church at Kendallville, in which church the funeral services were held. Interment was at Ontario, LaGrange county, at the side of his children who had preceded him to the Heavenly Home.

Old Relic at Kendallville
(By Kist News Bureau)

Kendallville, Ind. May 9-- An interesting relic of early school days was brought to light last week, regarding the erection of the present school building in this city. The paper in question was the original subscription for the erection of the building which took place in the year 1866. The subscription is dated December 1865 and contains names of many influential men of the time, only a few of whom are now living. War stamps amounting to 31 cents were used, which still remain on the paper. A legal paper was drawn up which announced the names and the amounts subscribed, and the payments were to be made in four installments, the last installment to be paid on or before Dec. 1, 1866. The following is the list with the original signatures of the donors:

James Colgrove, Attorney-at-law-----	\$150.00
F. & H. Taber, Flouring and sawmill-----	300.00
J.B. Kimball, traveling salesman-----	150.00
Stephen Morris, Physician-----	150.00
J.C. Witt,-----	100.00
A.A. Chapin, Attorney-at-law-----	75.00
J.R. Prouty, Carpenter-----	100.00
H. Wakeman, Insurance Agent-----	50.00
John & C.S. Mitchell, Bankers-----	1000.00
	Cash
	Town Lots
	1000.00
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